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## Nursery renamed in memory of Blossom

## Exciting proposals for TAWD VALLEY PARK
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# NATIONAL ACCOLADE FOR MATERNITY UNIT

### ...and little Ava-Marie from Skem benefits from staff's expertise in detecting potentially fatal condition

Report by **Henry James**

**ORMSKIRK Hospital's maternity unit has been nationally recognised for detecting a condition which can lead to babies being stillborn.**

The Wigan Road maternity unit has been ranked in the top 10 in the country for detecting unborn babies who are Small for Gestational Age (SGA).

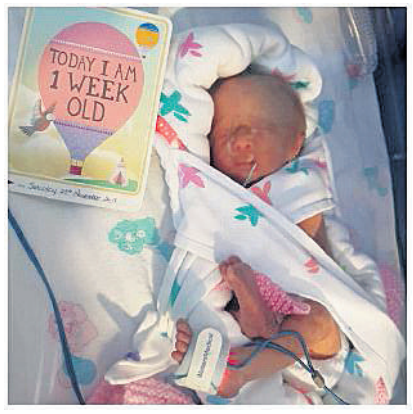
SGA can stop the baby growing during pregnancy and can cause an increased risk of stillbirth and can affect up to 10% of mothers-to-be.

Skelmersdale mother-of-two Louise Flavell and her baby Ava-Marie benefited from early detection of SGA. This meant the baby girl - weighing 5lbs 1oz (1.39kg) - is now hoping to be home in time for Christmas.

Ava-Marie arrived safely in week 34 of pregnancy on Saturday, November 18 thanks to the expertise of doctors and nurses at Ormskirk maternity unit. The team achieved their rating by implementing the "Growth Assessment Protocol" designed by the Perinatal Institute.

The aim is to reduce the number of stillbirths associated with growth restriction during pregnancy and involves producing a growth chart for each patient. It is tailored specifically to their height, weight and ethnicity.

The growth of the baby is then closely monitored so any concerns can be immediately acted upon. A training programme for the midwives and doctors was undertaken to ensure detection rates are as high as possible.




**Ava-Marie at one week old. She 'arrived' safely in week 34 of pregnancy thanks to the expertise of staff at Ormskirk Hospital's maternity unit. Now she could be home for Christmas**

**Doctor Alice Bird**

The Department of Health announced in its new maternity strategy last month that it aimed to reduce the number of stillbirths by half by 2025. This is in line with the Saving Babies' Lives care bundle launched by NHS England last year.

This looks at reducing smoking during pregnancy, improved detection of small babies, raised awareness of reduced fetal movements and improves monitoring of babies' heart rates during labour.

Louise Flavell, tweeted: "Cannot praise the Neonatal staff at @SONHStrust enough for the way they are looking after my gorgeous girl #preemie #34weeker #nhsstaffrock #ThankYou."

Doctor Alice Bird, consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, said: "Congratulations to the whole maternity team on having an average SGA detection rate of 60.3% in 2017. This is far higher than the national average of 41.1%. These figures are excellent and put our trust in the top 10 in the country, excellent news for patients like Louise - well done to the whole team.

"It's also positive we are already addressing issues highlighted in the national maternity strategy and preventing the number of still births at Ormskirk Hospital. This is reassuring for mothers-to-be across Lancashire and Merseyside."

**County Councillor Gibson and Scout leader Charlie Cavaghan with copies of the petition**

## *Petition to save Scout hut nears 5,000 signatures*

*A PETITION to save the 1st Skelmersdale Scout Hut on Barnes Road in Old Skelmersdale is nearing the 5,000-signature mark.*

*As reported in the Champion recently, the scout hut is in danger of demolition due to the sale of the land by Lancashire County Council for housing.*

*This prompted a campaign, led by Scout leader Charlie Cavaghan, to urge the county council to think again and it quickly gathered momentum.*

*Charlie said: "We have been inundated with offers of support, and not just from local people in Skelmersdale. I have had people from across the North West contact me offering their support and telling me of the importance that scouting has had on their lives."*

*Skelmersdale West County Councillor Julie Gibson, said: "We are asking LCC to reconsider the proposed entrance to the new development, to take it further along Barnes Road therefore saving the hut from being knocked down to accommodate access to the site. We have always been clear we are not against the development.*

*"This petition will be handed to the cabinet member for planning at LCC and then we intend to lobby West Lancashire Borough Council as the land has been designated for housing. We hope that both councils will look favourably on our petition and our request."*

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# Lancashire Police failing to record more than 20,000 crimes each year!

## Inspectors' report labels force's performance 'inadequate'

Report by **Henry James**

**A DAMNING report has labelled Lancashire Constabulary's performance in recording reported crimes as 'inadequate.'**

The assessment by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services, based on examination of crime reports for the period October 1 2016 to March 31 2016, estimates that the constabulary fails to record more than 20,000 reported crimes each year.

They found that 15.7 per cent of all reported crimes went unrecorded, including serious crimes such as sexual offences, domestic abuse and rape. A particular cause of concern for inspectors was the force's recording rate for violent crime of just 78.3 per cent, meaning that more than 21 per cent was not recorded.

HMICFRS previously inspected the accuracy of crime recording in Lancashire Constabulary in 2014.

HM Inspector of Constabulary, Michael Cunningham, said: "Our inspection found that Lancashire Constabulary must make many improvements to how it records reported crime. We found a number of the crime-recording practices to be unacceptable, in particular how it under-records some serious offences. We found that Lancashire Constabulary fails to record over 20,000 reported crimes each year.

**Lancashire Constabulary's crime-recoding performance has been rated 'inadequate'**

"Some of these failings are a consequence of the constabulary not sustaining changes made following the completion of the recommendations for improvement made in our 2014 report. This is undermining the effectiveness and efficiency of its crime-recording arrangements.

"I'm disappointed to find that the constabulary is currently under-recording crimes where the victim is sometimes vulnerable including some victims of domestic abuse.

"Immediately, the constabulary must identify and address gaps in its systems and processes for identifying and recording all reports of crime."

A spokesman for Lancashire Police responded: "We acknowledge the findings of the report and we are already acting upon the recommendations to ensure that crimes are properly recorded, investigated and victims of crime are at the heart of everything we do. This is vital to ensure we continue to have the public's trust and confidence."


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# School nursery renamed in memory of tragic drowning victim Blossom

Report by **Henry James**

Vicky and Kris Kelly with Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Noel Delaney and Ann Stubbert, at the official renaming ceremony of Blossom's Nursery at St Francis of Assisi RC Primary School.

**A SKEMERSDALE nursery provision has been renamed in memory of a little girl who died in a tragic accident last year.**

Children and staff at St Francis of Assisi RC Primary joined family and friends of Blossom Kelly for the renaming ceremony at the school in Blakehall, Digmoor.

The four-year-old died after drowning in a swimming pool during a family holiday in Girona, Spain in 2016.

Blossom was a much-loved member of the St Francis's Nursery and this part of the school's early years provision was renamed Blossom Nursery.

The day started with the unveiling of a plaque by the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney and Ann Stubbert.

Also in attendance were Blossom's mum and dad, Vicky and Kris, who have set up Blossom's Legacy, a charity devoted to raising funds to ensure that young children are taught basic water safety, and to raise awareness among parents of ways in which to minimise the risks presented by holidays.

At the time the charity was started Kris said: "Blossom's story inspired an outpouring of support. We hope to prevent this happening to anyone else."

At the event, the children formed a massive letter 'B' in the playground, before releasing balloons in Blossom's favourite lilac-tinged colours into the sky.

After the opening ceremony, there was a party lunch and a fun-filled session with Magic2Kids children's entertainer.

Headteacher, Terry Naylor, said: "Blossom is the right name for our nursery for a number of reasons. First of all, we want the children here to be nurtured, to grow and to blossom into themselves so that they may bring their own unique beauty to the world.

"In choosing this name, we also honour the life and memory of Blossom Kelly, the wonderful, free-spirited child, who spent many happy days here, showing a sense of freedom, fun and adventure, qualities that we want to make central to the experience of children in our school."

# Minister's praise for 'outstanding' Short Breaks service

Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt

HEALTH secretary Jeremy Hunt has congratulated Lancashire County Council on the West Lancashire Short Breaks service being rated as Outstanding by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

In a letter to the service's registered manager, Mr Hunt praised the team for the "exceptional quality" of care at the home and recognised staff for the immense amount of hard work and effort they have put in to achieve the rating.

West Lancashire Short Breaks Service is run by the county council providing support to adults with learning and physical disabilities. It gives their families and carers the opportunity to have a break from their caring role.

The centre is based at School Lane, Skelmersdale and can support up to six people at a time. The length of time people use the service varies from single overnight stays to more extended breaks.

County Councillor Graham Gooch, Lancashire's cabinet member for adult services, said: "I'm very pleased that Jeremy Hunt, the Secretary of State for Health, has written to the manager of the centre to recognise the hard work that all staff put in. His comments mean a great deal to everyone involved.

"The short break service is vital as it gives carers in the area, who work tirelessly to support their friends and family, an opportunity to take a break from their caring role.

"The team at West Lancashire supports around 70 people at this modern, cutting-edge facility. Mr Hunt's comments, together with the 'Outstanding' inspection result, reassures people that those they care for are getting the very best support while using our service.

"Congratulations to everyone involved."

The inspectors praised West Lancashire Short Breaks service for its exceptional employee training programme, the positive and professional attitude of staff, an excellent standard of care and range of activities for guests who use the service.

They also highlighted good safeguarding procedures, excellent modern facilities and systems that ensure people who use the service have an opportunity to share their views and make a difference to the way it is run.

# Business centre celebrates first anniversary with a 'full house'!

Council leader Ian Moran (centre) with John Harrison, the council's director of development and regeneration (3rd left) and representatives of some of the companies based in the Greenwood Business Centre.

A BUSINESS base built by West Lancashire Borough Council to help meet demand for smaller factory units in Skelmersdale is fully occupied as it celebrates its first anniversary of opening for business.

The £1.7 million Greenwood Business Centre was officially opened last autumn and provides 11 high-quality, new industrial units.

The borough council developed the centre at Gorsey Place, Skelmersdale, to help meet demand for smaller factory units suitable for light industry, manufacturing and distribution and help create new jobs.

Some of the units were taken up by local businesses even before the centre was completed.

Now they are all full and the businesses are enjoying their new purpose-built working environment.

Ambitious

Councillor Ian Moran, leader of West Lancs Council, said: "I was delighted to visit the Greenwood Business Centre on its first anniversary and meet the businesses working there for a year. They all seem really happy with their premises and I wish them every success in the future.

"The council is ambitious for the economy and the project complies with priorities in the Council Plan to retain and grow jobs and encourage business and wealth.

"The Greenwood Business Centre shows how the council provides great value for money. It is boosting the local economy and the rental revenue will help the council balance its budget."

ECS Sunbeds and Leisure was one of the first companies to sign a lease for the units and moved in on the first day they were available.

Shirley Hewitt, ECS Sunbeds and Leisure finance director, said: "We moved to the business centre because we wanted bigger and more modern premises to facilitate our growing needs, but we did not want to move from Skelmersdale because of the close proximity to the motorway network. So when we first saw the plans we put our name down for the two largest units.

"The units and location are ideal for what we need and we are continuing to thrive as a business."

The other businesses based there are Connolly Electrical Contractors; E-Tech Components Ltd; Extreme Low Energy Ltd; Motion Graphix Ltd; North West Express Ltd; Stonbury Ltd; The Premier Supply Group; and Pro-Fit Fitted Bedrooms.


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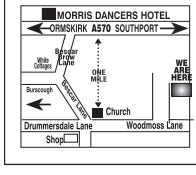


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# Don't be tempted by loan sharks!

## Council advises residents to steer clear of illegal money lenders

**WEST Lancs Council is advising residents in the borough to steer clear of loan sharks.**

People who are having money troubles this Christmas and might be tempted to borrow cash from loan sharks are being advised DON'T!

Loan sharks are illegal money lenders who often target families on low income. They may seem friendly to start with, but borrowing money from them is never a good idea even if your credit rating is poor or you only need a small amount of money for a short while.

You will pay far more interest than you would through legal borrowing. Some loan sharks resort to intimidation and violence after they have lent you money, and you are often pressured into borrowing more money to repay one debt with another.

The council offers a free, independent and confidential Money Advice Service to council tenants. Advisers can help you with debt problems, and offer advice on how to manage bills, claim benefits, and negotiate debt payment programmes. They can also advise you on alternatives to loan sharks such as Credit Union. Knowsley Mutual Credit Union, www.knowsleymutualcu.co.uk, is one that operates in West Lancashire.

For more details please visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/money-advice. To use the service please email moneyadvice@westlancs.gov.uk or call the team on 01695 585230.

Councillor Jenny Forshaw

An appointment can be made to visit you at home or in one of the council's customer service points in Skelmersdale or Ormskirk.

Non council tenants can contact Citizens Advice on 0344 245 1294 for advice and support. Citizens Advice Lancashire West is based in unit 47 at the Concourse Shopping Centre in Skelmersdale. Their website is www.citizensadvicelancashirewest.org.uk.

Councillor Jennifer Forshaw, the council's portfolio holder for housing and landlord services, said: "The festive season is a time when we want to buy nice presents for our family or go all out to make Christmas Day really special.

### Threats

"If you are short of money and struggling for credit then going to a loan shark can be tempting. But in the long run this can create massive problems for you and your family. So if you are one of our tenants please call our Rent and Money Advice Service so you don't fall into the loan shark trap."

Some loan sharks will threaten you by saying you will be prosecuted and even sent to prison if you don't pay them. This is not true, as an unlicensed lender a loan shark has no legal right to recover the debt. Any lender - licensed or unlicensed - who harasses you is breaking the law.

To report a loan shark problem and get help you can call the national government hotline on 0300 555 2222; email reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk; or text LOAN SHARK and the lender's details to 60003.

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# Town's NatWest bank branch set to close next May

NATWEST bank is to close its Skelmersdale branch in the Concourse next May.

The Skelmersdale site was one of 259 branches included in a closure programme announced by the bank's parent company, the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) Group.

A total of 62 RBS and 197 NatWest branches face the axe, leading to around 680 redundancies.

The RBS branch network says it is aiming to manage this process on a voluntary basis.

The company is blaming the closures on the fact that more people are choosing to do their banking online.

West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper commented: "This is dreadful and very disappointing news for Skelmersdale residents and for the staff at the branch whose future may be unclear at this point.

"NatWest have pointed to declining numbers using the branch and say that is a key reason for choosing to close the Skelmersdale branch.

### Exodus

"What is so deeply disappointing is that this is another town-centre business which is shutting its doors, at a time when we are trying to push ahead with getting the new town centre built.

"The new town centre would bring increased footfall into the area and we might have seen a different outcome with NatWest.

"We need to get a move on with the town centre and I will be contacting the chief executive and leader at West Lancashire Borough Council to ask what steps they are taking to tackle the current exodus from Skelmersdale.

"We have NatWest closing, GE making up to 90 redundancies and Scott Rees the solicitors moving 200 of their staff down the M6 to Newton-le-Willows.

"Skelmersdale needs more than ambassadors - we need action, a quick start on the town centre and a thorough review of economic development plans for the area."

An RBS spokesperson commented: "More and more of our customers are choosing to do their everyday banking online or on mobile.

"Since 2014 the number of customers using our branches across the UK has fallen by 40% and mobile transactions have increased by 73% over the same period. Over five million customers now use our mobile banking app and one in five only bank with us digitally."

# MP in pledge to maintain Universal Credit campaign

## She slams claiming system as "an absolute shambles" amid fears full roll-out could be disastrous for West Lancs residents

Report by **Henry James**

**WITH Skelmersdale due to have the full roll-out of Universal Credit implemented this month, Rosie Cooper has described the system for claiming as "an absolute shambles."**

And she has pledged to continue her campaign to ensure constituents are not adversely affected by the switch to the much-criticised new benefit over the Christmas period.

During his Budget speech, the Chancellor announced £1.5bn to assist people moving to the controversial new benefit, which has attracted repeated criticism.

However, the West Lancs MP said many people were angry that changes would not benefit claimants until next year.

Universal Credit replaces and merges existing benefits including income-based Jobseeker's Allowance; income-related Employment & Support Allowance; Income Support; Working Tax Credit; Child Tax Credit and Housing Benefit.

Ms Cooper said: "The Government cannot be under any illusion about the scale of the devastation the full roll-out of Universal Credit could bring to families and communities across the country especially over the Christmas period, yet the Budget abjectly failed to deal with the many concerns raised.

"We hear the Government talking about future changes, stating that claimants will only have to wait five weeks for payments instead of six. This is still far, far too long to have to wait for help to feed and house their families, particularly over the Christmas and winter periods.

**West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper is vowing to continue her campaign to ensure residents don't suffer when Universal Credit is rolled out**

"The Chancellor has announced £1.5bn to support claimants, but won't implement these changes until next year. The system for claiming Universal Credit is an absolute shambles.

"I met with our local jobcentre manager Amanda Jakeman and I am assured that she and her staff are doing all they can to support claimants. But I remain very concerned about the Government's policy and the capacity to support all claimants effectively.

"According to the Government's own figures, almost a quarter of claimants wait longer than six weeks for their payment. Some families wait 12 weeks or more, pushing many into rent arrears or a spiral of debt that is almost impossible to get out of, as their income is too low to pay off the loan.

"I already have residents contacting me very concerned about what these changes mean to them and the fear and worry of six-week waits for their entitlements, putting household budgets under tremendous strain as they struggle to feed their children or heat their homes.

"I know that some residents in West Lancashire have already had major issues with the pilot roll-out, if that was replicated using the full roll-out then that would be disastrous."

### 'Misery'

Ms Cooper recently signed a letter along with 122 other MPs calling on the Department for Work and Pensions to delay the planned roll-out of Universal Credit to 55 new areas each month, including Skelmersdale in December.

She said the pilot and early phases of Universal Credit had already brought "misery" to thousands across the country and the continued roll-out would mean hardship and increased debt for many families.

Councils and landlords' organisations have also called for the roll-out to be delayed as over half of recipients of Universal Credit are in rent arrears. Many tenants are in danger of eviction and some landlords now refuse tenants who are on Universal Credit, making housing problems worse.

Any constituent who is concerned or struggling with Universal Credit is encouraged to contact Rosie Cooper by email at rosie@rosiecooper.net or by telephone on 01695 570094.

# County council looking at possible £7m cuts over next three years

CUTS totalling £7m over the next three years are being considered by Lancashire County Council.

The authority's cabinet are to discuss the proposals tomorrow (Thursday, December 7).

The proposals, which cover plans as diverse as potentially closing some transport information centres, stopping the member grants scheme, and stopping some of the county council's extra sheltered care support, have been worked up by senior council officers and will be presented to cabinet as budget options.

Leader of the county council, County Councillor Geoff Driver, said: "We have made no secret of the fact that the county council faces an extremely serious financial challenge.

"We know that we will face a funding gap of £161m in 2021/22 and that we will have spent the county council's available reserves within the next two years.

"It is imperative that we put plans in place to make the necessary savings to secure a sustainable future for the county council, and the vital services that our most vulnerable residents rely on.

**County Councillor Geoff Driver**

"That will inevitably mean making very difficult decisions and it is clear that these proposals will require very serious thought and consideration of their implications, when cabinet meets."

The papers for the cabinet meeting on Thursday, December 7 are available on the Lancashire County Council website.


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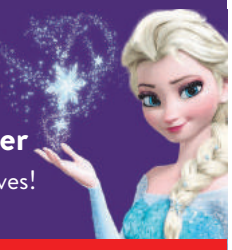

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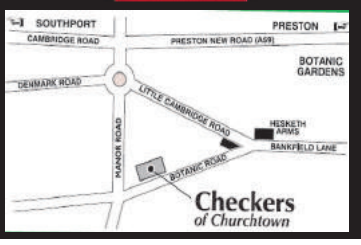


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# Family catering company on target for ambitious five-year expansion plan

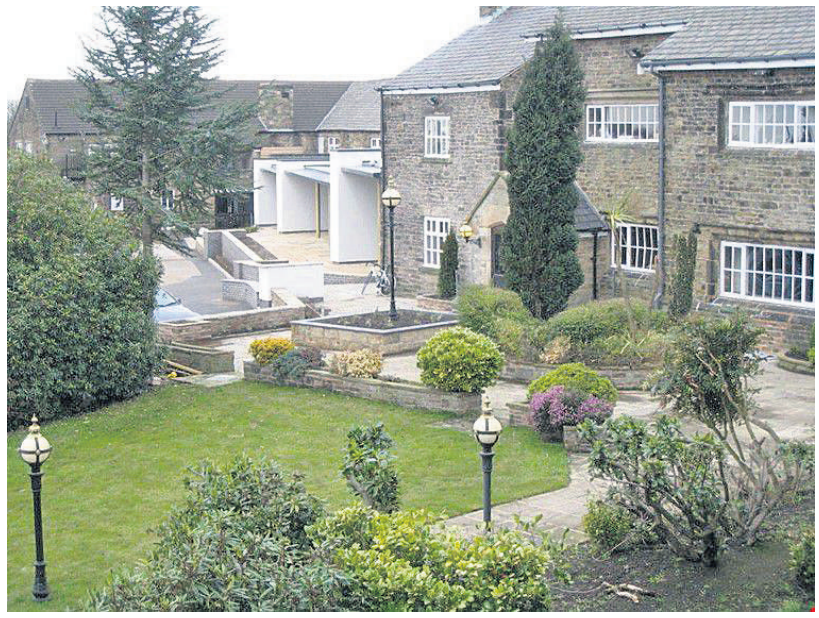
Report by **Henry James**

**BOSSES at a family-run catering company based in Skelmersdale which has enjoyed a successful year in 2017 say their plans to double in size in the next five years are on track.**

In April at the Cost Sector Catering Awards, Mellors Catering Services was named Contract Caterer of the Year 2017 and in September they gained their 200th contract catering site.

They have also reached the finals of the British Sandwich Designer of the Year competition and the Red Rose Business Awards.

The company, based in Prescott Road, East Pimbo, has invested heavily in specialist staff and they now employ more than 1,200 people. They are currently following a five-year plan to double in size.



Mellors base in Skelmersdale

### Milestones

The firm has contracts at 202 sites and net sales of £23m and bosses plan to increase their mobile offering to construction sites. The firm caters for 80,000 a day. The majority of their contracts are at schools and colleges.

Mark Timmerman, who owns the company with his chairman father Tim, explained the reason why they want to increase their mobile offering, saying: "It's a good business and not many people want the hassle.

"We want our customers to feel that they can do business with us. We want them to feel that they are loved."

Dad Tim added: "This year Mellors has reached some important milestones, our growth has been such that we gained our 200th contract, and also we were recognised by our peers in the Contract Catering Industry and awarded the accolade Best Contract Caterer in the UK for 2017 at an award ceremony in London."

Mellors has a long history, having been established in 1840 in Lord Street, Southport.

The company used to be operated out of offices at the resort's Royal Clifton Hotel, and managed by Mark. However when the Timmermans sold the hotel, Mellors moved to their other hotel property, the Lancashire Manor Hotel in Skelmersdale.

The Skelmersdale Walk-In Centre is situated within the Concourse

# Walk-In Centre open over Christmas

**SKELMERSDALE'S Walk-in Centre will be open over the festive period as the team prepares for one of the busiest times of the year.**

**The centre, which is run by Virgin Care and based at the Concourse, will be open as usual from 8am to 7.30pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday through the Christmas and New Year period - except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.**

**On Christmas Day it will be open from 10am to 2pm and on both Boxing Day and New Year's Day it will be open from 9am to 5pm.**

**Patients do not have to be registered to see a GP or nurse at Skelmersdale Walk-in Centre, and they can also help patients who may not be registered with a GP practice who might normally attend Accident and Emergency (A&E) for treatment which could be provided by a GP or nurse.**

**The service sees and treats people of all ages and provides free NHS services for minor illness and minor injury.**

**Elaine Wilson, head of urgent care for Virgin Care, said: "Christmas is such a busy time for services like ours so it's important we offer services so that locals can access healthcare when they need to.**

**"People should attend the service as an alternative to the local hospital A&E for any minor illness and minor injury they may have, for example an infection, minor cuts or bruises and minor burns or strains."**

The Skelmersdale veterans at Eden Camp

# Busy times for veterans' association

MEMBERS of the Skelmersdale Veterans Association have been very busy throughout November with the organisation collecting across the town, including at the Concourse Shopping Centre.

During the Remembrance period, the veterans were also on parade at three very different locations - Skelmersdale; Whitehall, where member William Duncan was invited by his regiment to parade in London; and the Caribbean, where chairman Alan Lewis was on holiday!

Meanwhile the association also visited Woodlands Primary School in Birch Green.

They also had a presence at the Birminghan Military Tattoo on Friday and Saturday, November 24 and 25, featuring massed bands, spectacular displays and massed standards and culminating in a spectacular grand finale with a special guest appearance by vocal soloist captain Gary Chilton (from The Soldiers).

Members from the association also visited Eden Camp modern history museum at Malton, North Yorkshire.

The site aims to bring history to life and allows pupils and adults to experience the sights, sounds and smells of war. It is housed in the grounds of a Second World War prisoner of war camp.

Chairman of Skelmersdale Veterans Association, Alan Lewis, commented: "The association had an amazing time at Eden Camp and I would recommend it to kids and adults.

"We want to thank county councillors Terry Aldridge, John Fillis, Julie Gibson and Nikki Hennessy for their support.

"We would also like to thank Mr Miller from Woodlands School and all the young people who made the veterans most welcome to their school over Remembrance.

"If any other school would like to invite the veterans to their school, they can contact me on 07939 660 048."

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# Tawd Valley Park Masterplan

**People can have their say on the latest stage of an exciting project to make Tawd Valley Park an even better place to visit.**

To see the updated version of the Tawd Valley Masterplan and give comments **please visit the West Lancashire Borough Council website www.westlancs.gov.uk/yourviews from Tuesday 5 December,** and click on consultations underway.

Local communities have already had one opportunity to have their say through an extensive consultation held in the summer of 2017, and their views have helped shape the current version of the Masterplan.

Now the Council and its partners in the scheme, Groundwork, the Environment Agency, the River Douglas Catchment Partnership, and West Lancs CVS, is inviting the community to give further comments on the updated document. People have until 12 January 2018 to give their views.

The ambitious masterplan includes:

- **New cycle paths**
- **New wetland habitat areas**
- **Improvements to the amphitheatre to create an informal event space**
- **Creation of a heritage trail**
- **New picnic spaces close to the town centre**
- **Access and improvement work to footpaths and landscapes**

There is also potential for a new visitor centre, new play area and a BMX track as well as a fishing lake.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, portfolio holder for Leisure, said: “This is a really exciting time for Tawd Valley Park, which is a fantastic asset for the people of Skelmersdale.

We are very grateful to everyone who has contributed to the masterplan so far, and we are keen to hear people’s views on the latest version. So please respond to the consultation.”

The outline Masterplan, identifying both maintenance and refurbishment tasks as well as ambitious new ideas for the Tawd Valley Park, was approved by Council Cabinet in November.
The project will take a number of years to implement, but funds have already been secured to invest in Tawd Valley and the Council and its partners hope to begin work from April next year.

The Borough Council is looking to establish and support a Friends of Tawd Valley Park and other regular volunteering groups to support the Council’s Rangers with planning the parks development, running events and activities and conservation works on site.

It is intended to hold a presentation to showcase the Masterplan in the New Year, to include the results of the latest wide ranging consultation. People from the local community can find out more and sign up to become a volunteer or help form the Friends of Tawd Valley Park group. Further details will be published soon.

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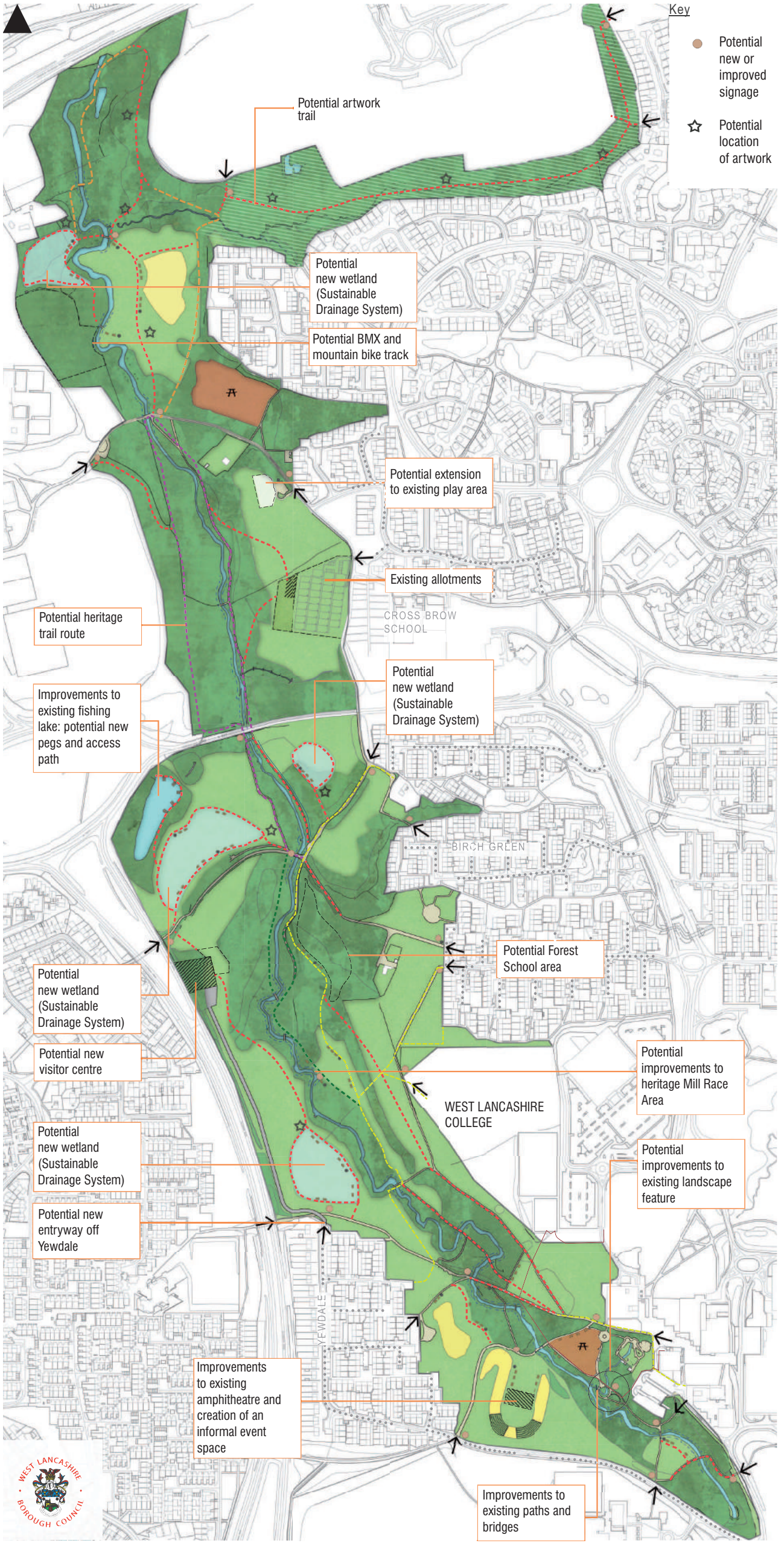
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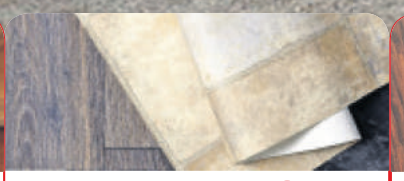

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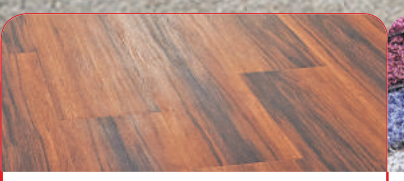

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# ‘Don’t go from merry to misery’ message

## Safety partnership in call for sensible approach to festive season drinking

Report by **Henry James**

Councillor Kevin Wright

**DON’T let merry-making turn into misery-making by drinking too much too soon this festive season.**

With the party season set to swing into action, that’s the message from the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership who are advising residents in the borough to think carefully about how much they drink before they go out and to make sure their night lasts.

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council’s portfolio holder for community safety, said: “We really hope everyone has an enjoyable time at Christmas, but people need to be aware that excessive drinking can spoil a great night and have serious and even heartbreaking consequences.

“Our message is about encouraging people not to spoil their nights out by overdoing things before they even make it to the pub or club. You end up being ill, and you are more vulnerable to being a victim of crime or involved in an accident which could ruin your festive season.”

Dave Tilleray, chairman of the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership, added: “When people have too much to drink, they are more likely to lose their friends and possessions, get involved in fights, end up in casualty, or accidentally cause a fire in their home. This can create real problems for those who are left to pick up the pieces such as the police, medical staff, the fire service or even their friends and family.”

The partnership is particularly concerned with the trend called ‘preloading’ - or people drinking to get drunk at home before going out.

### Consequences

The trend often leads to revellers becoming very drunk earlier in the night and increased levels of crime and other risky behaviour.

Although many people cite cost as a reason for preloading, the monetary savings can often be far outweighed by the unwanted consequences of drinking too much.

And West Lancashire Police Inspector Adrian Jolly commented: “We want everyone to enjoy themselves this festive season. But the harm that alcohol can do in our communities should not be underestimated.

“Excessive drinking increases your likelihood of committing a crime or becoming a victim of crime.

“We work with other agencies, including licensed premises themselves, to try to keep Lancashire’s residents and visitors safe.”

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# Hospital trust first in country to sign up to apprentice charter

**SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust has become the first organisation in the country to sign up to UNISON's apprenticeship charter.**

The charter aims to ensure that apprenticeships deliver a positive outcome for both apprentices and employers.

It commits the trust to provide apprenticeships that are well-funded and lead to a meaningful job. Meanwhile, apprentices will receive the correct rate for the job they are doing, high-quality training, and a safe and healthy working environment.

The signing ceremony took place last week at the corporate management office at Southport Hospital in Town Lane.

Karen Jackson, the hospital trust's interim chief executive, said: "The trust is delighted to be able to support UNISON's charter. Apprenticeships help us develop our staff, opening new doors in their development so together we can best meet patient needs."

And UNISON assistant general secretary, Christina McAnea, added: "We are delighted the trust has decided to sign up our charter, publicly signalling its commitment to structured learning.

"The contribution of apprentices to the workplace is too often overlooked, and unfortunately many young people find themselves exploited, working long hours for low wages, with little support. Yet by properly investing in the workforce of tomorrow, employers can nurture talent and help fill the skills gap - and give a boost to the local economy at the same time.

"It's very welcome that the trust views apprenticeships as an investment in its future workforce, rather than a short-term source of cheap labour. With the number of apprentices set to rise significantly over the next few years, we hope many other employers will soon follow their lead."

**Apprentice Simon Bunting (centre) with the charter, flanked by UNISON branch secretary John Flannery and the union's assistant general secretary, Christina McAnea.**

And the charter has been welcomed by apprentices too.

Simon Bunting, who is currently undertaking an apprenticeship and is employed as a computer services manager with the trust's pharmacy, said: "I have really valued the opportunity to develop my career through undertaking an apprenticeship at the trust.

"It is hard work, but I have learned a great deal which is already helping me to have a better understanding of leadership and management, enabling me to use this knowledge to become better at my job. It is great that more people will have a chance to undertake a high-quality apprenticeship in the future."

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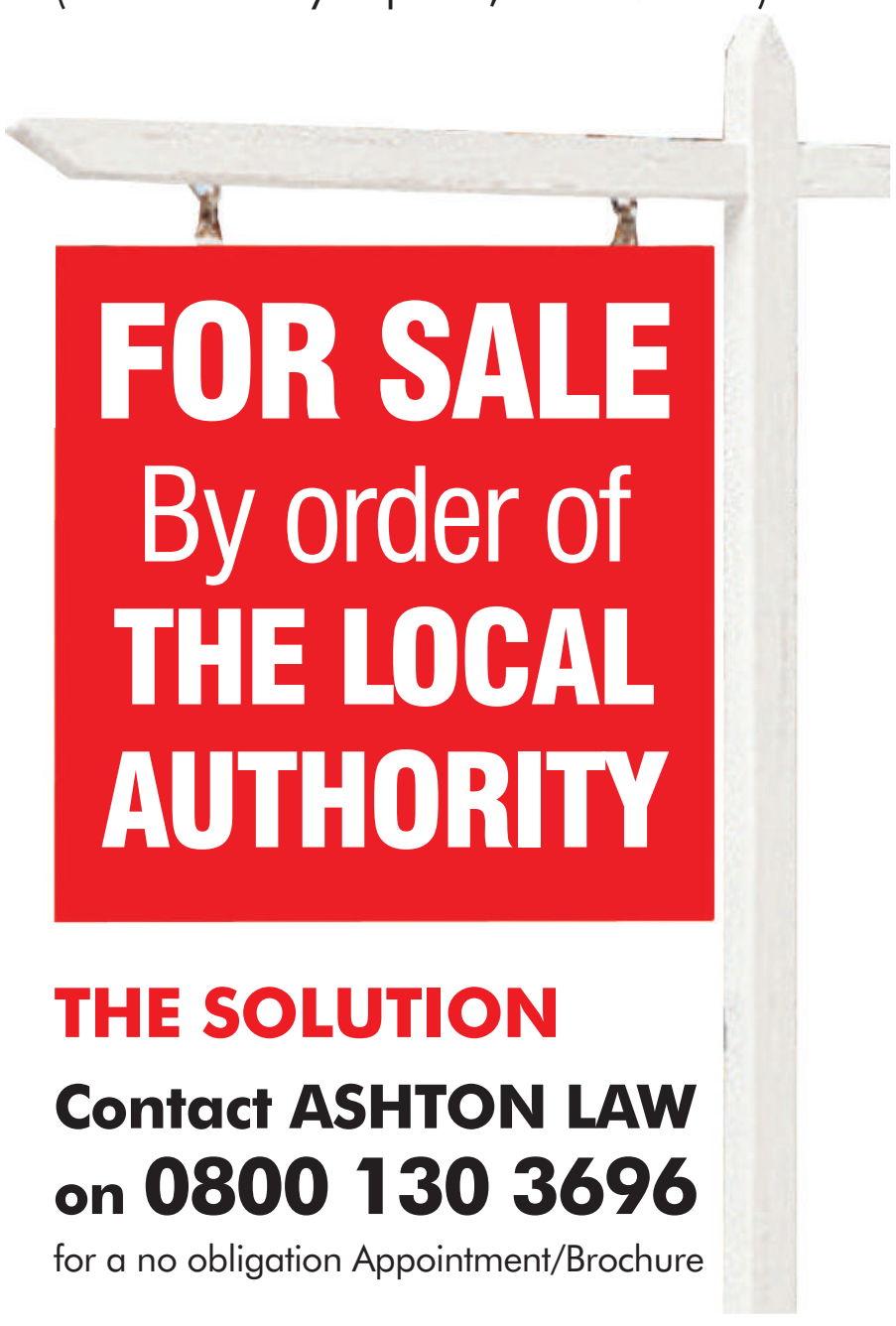


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*The local Brownies and Guides also had a stall and raffle prizes were donated by local residents as well as Booths, The Rainford Deli, Quattros, G & E Hallsworth, Rainford Salon, Starbucks, Heyes Opticians and the Derby Arms pub.*

# Music society's Christmas concert

ORMSKIRK Music Society are holding their Christmas concert on Saturday December 16 at St John the Baptist Church in School Lane, Burscough starting at 7.30pm.

The choir and orchestra will be performing the annual mix of festive fare, audience carols and light music treats, plus excerpts from Bizet's L' Arlesienne and Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols.

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Superintendent Platt and commissioner Clive Grunshaw with the machine gun and some of the other weapons handed in

# Machine gun among 100-plus weapons handed in during surrender!

**A TWO-week gun surrender run by Lancashire Police as part of a nationwide initiative saw more than 100 firearms and several hundred rounds of ammunition handed in - including a Second World War machine gun and 41 pinfire rounds!**

The surrender ran from Monday, November 13 to Sunday, November 26 and also among the haul in the county were 20 shotguns, four rifles, a number of revolvers and pistols and 21 air weapons/ball bearing guns.

Superintendent Julian Platt from Lancashire Constabulary said: "The campaign has shown significant success with members of the public keen to use this opportunity to hand in weapons and work with us to help keep our county safe.

"Not all of the firearms would have had the potential to be used in serious crime, but some would and the pinfire rounds in particular, are highly volatile and would be very dangerous in the wrong hands."

The county's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, added: "I'm delighted that this campaign to remove dangerous firearms from our streets has been a success.

"There are a number of reasons that people may find themselves with a firearm they should not have, potentially through inheritance or legally owned guns they have no more use for - every single weapon which has been handed in is one which will now not fall into the wrong hands."

Each firearm handed in will now be assessed by firearms officers and the majority destroyed, the exceptions being anything of forensic interest or potential museum pieces.

Supt. Platt concluded: "I would like to thank the media and public for their support during the two-week surrender - our communities really are key to helping us to reduce crime.

"Although the surrender has ended, we'd still welcome information about illegal firearms activity in the county. To that end, I would urge anyone with any information to call us on 101 or to contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Every call is potentially vital to preventing or solving serious crimes - removing an illegally held firearm may just save someone's life."

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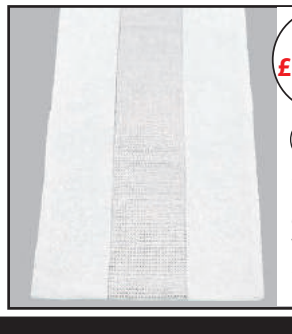

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# Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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## Angels really do exist - they came to help us in our darkest hour

HAVING recently borne witness to my father being diagnosed with terminal cancer and then facing the outlook of the inevitable course of events leading up to his death, we, as a family, felt quite alone.

My father's wish was to die in the home that he loved in Tarleton. This was also the wish of his family so that we could care for him and spend as much valuable time with him as possible in his last days.

Although this decision was easy in terms of mutual agreement within the family, it was daunting in respect of worries about our ability to care for dad in our home from both general and medical care perspectives.

My father was a very kind, proud, private and dignified man with strong values, principles and standards. He had spent many years working in the NHS himself, caring for others and always treated his patients with the upmost kindness and respect.

We knew dad's heath would deteriorate and that we would struggle to ensure that his care was of the highest standard. We worried that we would not have the necessary equipment, medicines or training to maintain dad's dignity and ensure he could be as comfortable and content as possible under these most dire circumstances.

At dad's diagnosis we were told that help would be at hand but we didn't really understand how and what sort of help we would get, how often, or when it would arrive.

And then the Angels descended - one after another, after another, after another - without needing to be contacted or prompted. We found ourselves surrounded by caring, loving and gentle Angels who simply appeared and drenched us all with more support and compassion than we could possibly wish for.

The Angels quickly became part of our family. They listened to our concerns and provided advice every step of the way. Although their primary concern was dad, they took the time to listen and talk to us and explain everything that was going on.

They allowed us to continue to care for dad ourselves but did so much more than we would ever have been capable of. Along with dad's care and hygiene, they even helped out around the house, nothing was too much trouble.

Day and night they were constantly available. Quickly responding to our needs, sometimes late at night, or in the early hours, they would arrive with 100% commitment to help. We were simply overwhelmed by the support and care beyond our wildest expectations.

For these reasons I'm compelled to write about these Angels. In these times where the NHS seems to be used as a political football, or to be subject to unfair criticism, I simply can't fault it and the associated organisations for how they have provided the care we have so badly needed.

So who are these Angels? Well, there's too many names to mention but they came from many organisations, all coming together as one comprehensive and complete care organisation.

We simply can't express our gratitude enough but would like to try.

Tarleton District Nurses. Diane Pugh and her team provided a standard of care to both my father and us as a family, which can only be described as exemplary.

KP (Kare Plus). Bernadette King and Louisa Lydiate and their teams provided outstanding 'care-plus', going well above and beyond all expectations throughout.

Queenscourt Hospice and Hospice at Home provided overnight care with compassion and understanding throughout the night, providing my father with continuous care and allowing us to get some much-needed sleep.

As far as we are concerned Angels truly do exist and they came to our assistance at our darkest hour, bringing much-needed light, warmth and smiles into our home. We would never have been able to cope without them. We will never, ever forget. Words are not enough but we hope they go some way to demonstrate our eternal gratitude.

**Lee & Doreen Millhouse, Tarleton**

# PICTURE of the week

**A blazing log fire, a visit from Santa and the Tudor surroundings of Rufford Old Hall provided a traditional festive setting for a performance of Christmas carols by pupils from Rufford CofE School. Picture by Martyn Snape.**

## Shocked by CCG's 'complacency' over cuts to care funding

**I WAS shocked by the complacency in the response by the West Lancashire Commissioning Care Group to your article (Champion, November 22) about my niece, Valerie Thompson of Newburgh who has had NHS Continuing Healthcare funding withdrawn.**

**They defend flawed and arbitrary assessment protocols but let's be clear - they are carrying out a cuts exercise to save £855million from the NHS across Britain as revealed in the National Audit Office report in July on the continuing care budget across Britain.**

**The Chancellor announced an extra £1.6bn for the NHS in the Budget. If these bureaucrats really were interested in patient care they should be fighting for a slice of that and suspend their cuts to people like Val immediately.**

**Eight out of 12 members of the Midlands and Lancashire CCG are paid over £100,000 a year. I know where I would make the first cuts to save the NHS!**

Colin Brown,
Ex-Deputy Political Editor, The Independent

## Do Brexiters need their memories jogging?

WOULD it be helpful if some of our older citizens so excited about Brexit jogged their memory and remembered what the UK economy and living standards looked like in the 1970s before we joined the EU?

The UK gave leadership to the EU, enjoyed enormous economic and political benefits, and opted out when it wanted to (no Schengen or Euro).

The younger generation will have to live with the consequences of Brexit for quite some time. Those asking legitimate questions about Brexit must not be denounced as 'mutineers' or 'Remoaners'. Democracy is based on mutual respect.

As to the post-Brexit future, let us turn to The Honourable John Redwood MP, arch hard-Brexiter. In his recent, well-paid column for the Financial Times (November 3), he advised foreign investors to pull their money out of the UK.

It looks like more and more of them are doing just that. Food for thought?

**Realist, by email**

## If only everyone was like Annie the world would have no more wars

IN 1977 my late father, Dr A. K. Varma, got a job as a family doctor in Ormskirk. He took the train from London to Liverpool Lime Street and then to Ormskirk.

He arrived on a Sunday and was due to live in a bed and breakfast, getting his own lunch and evening meal. That was the arrangement until his family arrived.

At the time I was in the last term of one school and my dad didn't want the disruption. So for a period of three months he was going to be in a bed and breakfast by himself.

However, on turning up at the station a young sweet lady was there. She approached him and said: "Are you the new doctor?"

She knew he was Indian, so it was a bit of a giveaway! He replied that he was.

She told him that he was to live with her, he was not going to be in a bed and breakfast. She'd cook for him and she wouldn't take no for an answer.

She was like his second mother. When dad finished his clinic he'd phone her and let the phone ring three times; she'd get his dinner on and he'd be there in 15 minutes.

Dad never went hungry, nor did he live alone at any stage of his early days as a family doctor in Ormskirk until his wife arrived.

Had she not done this, my late father would have been practically homeless. There is a difference between having a roof over your head and having a home. She gave him a home to live in as opposed to just having a roof over his head.

For obvious reasons she was like a member of the family. She was a devout Christian and she had no problem with the fact that he was the world's most devout Hindu. She used to invite us to take part in the Easter and Christmas celebrations. We used to invite her to Diwali and Holi.

The world needs more like this young lady. If everyone was like her we'd have no wars.

Her name was Annie Griffiths and every time I walk past her grandson's barber shop on Moorgate, Ormskirk I remember her.

**Sushant Varma,**
**Feel Good Centre, Ormskirk**

## Exiting EU will leave younger generations saddled with debt

**I HAVE to chuckle when I read letters like that of Mr Baybutt (Champion, November 22) complaining that the EU is run by un-elected wine-swillers. He must have been very puzzled as to the purpose of the European Elections, last held in 2014.**

**To explain, that was when we elected Members of the European Parliament to represent us in the running of Europe - people like Mr Nigel Farage MEP, who doesn't believe in the EU but is still happy to pocket the £84,000-a-year salary as an MEP.**

**Mr Baybutt is right to say that the Stock Market looks buoyant. That's because many FTSE100 companies earn their profits overseas. Now that the pound in our pockets is only worth 80p since the Brexit vote, profits earned in dollars or Euros appear much greater, once converted into the cheap old Pound Sterling.**

**Unfortunately the UK economy is actually in a very poor state, as the Chancellor admitted in his Budget. It doesn't really affect oldies like Mr Baybutt and myself, as our pensions are protected by the generous 'triple lock', I just feel sad for the younger generations, struggling to get by as their earnings decline in value, and saddled with the massive government debt of £1.6 trillion which we have left for them.**

Adrian Tayler,
Tanhouse, Skelmersdale

# ‘Meeting my attacker helped me move on’

## Rape victim says restorative justice was crucial to healing process

Report by **Henry James**

**A RAPE victim who met her attacker through a restorative justice programme in Lancashire has told how the process helped her move on with her life.**

Speaking anonymously to a conference of police and criminal justice professionals, hosted by Lancashire Police and the county’s Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, she said that meeting her attacker had been crucial to her recovery.

Mr Grunshaw, praised the woman’s courage in speaking out as he opened the conference highlighting the services available and how it can help people in complex cases.

He said: “Restorative justice can be a really important process giving victims a chance to get answers following a crime and often giving them a way to move on with their lives.

“The team at Lancashire Police and Lancashire Victim Services can offer the advice and support people need to take this difficult but often important step.

“The process can also give offenders the chance to face up to what they have done, understand how their crimes have affected people and reform as a result.

“I am confident this is a positive step towards making our communities better, safer places to live, and to giving victims of crime and anti-social behaviour a real voice.”

**Pictured at the conference are Peter Woolf; Helena Cryer, restorative justice manager, Lancashire Constabulary; Clive Grunshaw; and Chief Superintendent Matt Horn**

One speaker at the conference was a victim of a serious sexual assault who met her attacker through the restorative justice programme.

She said: “Meeting him was crucial in my recovery, hearing him say sorry to me face-to-face.

“Every time I got an answer to the questions I felt relief, and a lot of fear and anxiety that I had carried with me - that I did not fully realise I had - lifted.

“I would encourage others to look for help through restorative justice. It has a really powerful effect on your life even knowing that there is an option to utilise it as part of the healing process.”

Helena Cryer, restorative justice manager at Lancashire Constabulary, said: “Restorative justice is becoming more recognised as a way of giving victims a voice, allowing them to find the closure they need to move on from being labelled as a victim of crime.”

Lancashire’s restorative justice team received a special mention in this year's Howard League Community Awards and were praised for the services and awareness raised around restorative approaches across Lancashire.

Restorative justice is being used for a wide range of incidents and crimes from low level anti-social behaviour to more serious and complex cases.


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# Bid to get community involved in council services

WEST Lancs councillors are looking into ways that community groups can become more closely involved in the delivery of the authority's services.

As part of its work programme for 2017/18, the council's corporate and environmental overview and scrutiny committee has agreed to undertake a review entitled 'Community Involvement in Service Delivery.'

The decision was taken after committee members asked the public to submit topic suggestions for consideration for inclusion in the programme.

The committee will then forward appropriate recommendations to the cabinet and council which can influence future decisions on policy and important decisions the authority may make.

Although not all of the suggestions submitted could be taken forward, the committee want to thank everyone who submitted ideas.

The council has said that the merits of each idea were considered "very carefully" and it was recommended the committee should look at how community groups may be able to get involved in service delivery in their locality.

The project is expected to take around 10 months to complete.

Councillor Nikki Hennessy, chairman of the corporate and environmental overview and scrutiny committee, said: "Here in West Lancashire, we know through our parish councils and voluntary bodies how very resourceful community groups are.

"We already have many examples of community groups taking on community centres, playing fields and meeting rooms.

"The committee will look at opportunities to enable more community-led activities and management of local services to take place and at the end of the process, it is hoped, come up with some recommendations to assist community groups to take up those opportunities."

The current condition of Parbold dry dock

# More volunteers needed to join heritage group dry docks project

Report by **Lottie Gibbons**

**MEMBERS of a community campaign set up by Parbold and Burscough Heritage Group, to restore Parbold and Lathom dry docks, are appealing for more volunteers to join the project.**

The main aims of the campaign are to remove overgrown vegetation, upgrade footpaths and clean up the surrounding areas.

And the group also want to add historical and heritage information, near to the docks, so visitors can understand their significance.

Mike Allen, from the Lathom campaign, said: "Once the project is complete, more visitors will be brought into both villages, benefiting the community."

Both dry docks have a valuable place in local history.

Lathom's dry dock is a Grade II listed structure within a local conservation area under English Heritage.

And the dry dock at Parbold, while not a listed structure, marks an unusual part of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, as originally, the planned construction route never intended for the dry dock to be built.

The group would like more volunteers to help with tasks ranging from raising awareness to maintaining the appearance of the dock.

If you would like to be involved, become a member of the heritage group or for more information, email parbolddrydock@yahoo.com.

**A well-kept Parbold dry dock in 1994.** Photo Courtesy of Canal & River Trust.


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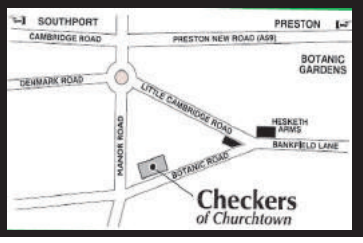


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# Still time to sign up for hospice Santa Sprint

THERE is still time to sign for the annual Queenscourt Hospice Santa Sprint set to take place on Sunday, December 10.

Open to everyone - young, old, whole families and even pets! - the 2k event raises funds for the Southport-based hospice which provides specialist palliative care services free of charge to patients from the West Lancashire area as well as Southport and Formby.

Queenscourt has teamed up with the Silcock Leisure Group for this year's event, which will start at Southport Pier at 11am.

The hospice relies entirely on donations to fund its services which cost around £3 million annually to run.

A spokesperson for Queenscourt said: "Last year generous participants raised a staggering amount of just over £12.5k.

"We aim to help patients be cared for where they want to be, which is normally at home, and last year's Santa Sprint provided specialist nursing care for a night in their own home for 50 patients.

Circular route

"Whether you are a seasoned Santa sprinter or a first-time participant, we look forward to welcoming you.

"The run all starts at Southport Pier next to Silcock's Carousel and follows a circular 2k route around the Southport seafront."

Entry is £10 per adult, £7 for under-16s and £30 for a family of two adults and two under-16s.

Everyone taking part will receive their Santa Suit, a special Queenscourt medal and complimentary hot drink.

For more information about to sign up, how to donate or how to volunteer, visit queenscourt.org.uk/santasprint or call 01704 517420.

Silcock's Santas, Anthony and Justin, with Queenscourt's Jane and Carolyn, added a £500 boost to last year's Santa Sprint funds.

# County council's older peoples services achieve excellence award

Report by **Henry James**

**LANCASHIRE County Council's services for older people have again achieved the Customer Service Excellence standard.**

The older people's service runs 18 residential homes, 13 day centres, care navigation services and other adult support services. They were awarded the certificate following two inspections.

Customer Service Excellence tests areas that research has indicated are a priority for customers, including standards of service delivery, timeliness, information, professionalism and staff attitude.

County Councillor Graham Gooch, Lancashire's cabinet member for adult services, said: "It's great that our older people's services have once again achieved the Customer Service Excellence certificate.

"This quality mark shows everyone that we are continuing to improve standards and putting the people who use our services, and their families or carers, at the heart of everything we do."

Inspectors highlighted many good practices including:

**• Strong leadership with good systems ensuring staff are aware of customers' requirements.**

**• Providing specific activity programmes based on people's needs, including using items such as memory boxes to support people who have dementia.**

**• Using Wi-Fi to give people easy access to the internet.**

County Councillor Graham Gooch

**• Providing more opportunities for people who use services and their families to have their say.**

**• Staff going the extra mile, including setting up Skype so one resident could watch her granddaughter's wedding abroad.**

Cllr. Gooch added: "The inspectors picked up on a number of points during their visit. These included good leadership and excellent systems that improved efficiency, ensuring staff can spend more time with people they support.

"I was particularly pleased that they highlighted staff going above and beyond to help people, including using the latest technology to help a care home resident to be part of her granddaughter's wedding abroad.

"Staff are doing a tremendous job and the Customer Service Excellence standard shows that their hard work is paying off."

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# Mental health team's tips for a stress-free festive season

**MENTAL health professionals at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Mindsmatter team are encouraging residents in the county to avoid unnecessary stress during the festive period by following 12 simple steps.**

Kieran Fleck, Mindsmatter psychological wellbeing practitioner lead at the trust, said: "While the festive season is great for bringing together family and friends, the preparation, financial pressure and family tensions can often bring added and unnecessary stress for people.

"We are encouraging people to do good deeds or small acts of kindness to make themselves feel better and maintain a positive mind set.

"Nobody should suffer alone. We have Mindsmatter teams across Lancashire to support anyone who is feeling low or stressed out this Christmas."

The Mindsmatter team has also put together some top tips to help people remain well this Christmas.

- Do something different that you wouldn't normally do. Break the usual routines and comforts.
- Find and cook a new recipe. Look for healthy ideas online, buy the ingredients and cook it for yourself or your family.
- Go for a walk in the park.
- Buy something at your local charity shop, a Christmas present or an extra gift for a loved one.
- Spend 15 minutes doing some mindful practice, try mindful observation or breathing. These techniques can really help reduce worry and stress.
- Buy a range of fruit for the week. Try to eat five pieces of fruit in total each day.
- Pick up an audio CD or podcast on a novel or subject you're interested in. Listen in the car or in bed.
- Close the curtains, put some music on loud and dance while no one's watching. It's fun, silly and enjoyable.
- Watch a DVD/video of stand-up comedy. Have a good giggle to yourself or with friends and family.
- Focus on fixing or cleaning those things you keep avoiding – something small and achievable.
- Try and reduce the amount of harmful things you may be in a habit of having - drink fewer cups of tea or coffee or reduce your alcohol intake. This can help start new healthy habits and aid things like sleep at night.
- Complete a jigsaw or colouring book, maybe with others. They are fun, relaxing and you can feel that sense of achievement afterwards.

You can access the Mindsmatter service via online referral form at the website www.lancashire-care.nhs.uk/Mindsmatter, by post, telephone; or by visiting your GP.

People in West Lancashire can contact their local Mindsmatter service on 01695 684177.

# Union project aims to raise awareness of barriers faced by disabled students

**EDGE Hill Students' Union has launched Disability History Month 2017 to raise awareness of disabled students' struggles for equality and human rights.**

The theme of this year's celebration is the History of Disability and Art, and the month sees a number of events taking place around the Ormskirk campus.

Disabled students' officer at the union, Kathryn Pidcock, said: "I was five years old when I got diagnosed with dyslexia and dyspraxia but luckily for me my parents helped me every day to strive further and beat any barriers set for me.

"And by pushing myself I have managed to attend university and am even studying for my Masters. At a time when our benefits are being slashed and disability hate crime is on the increase we should be doing everything we can to stand in solidarity with all disabled people for a fair and just society."

The union have teamed up with other groups in the university to run activities encouraging students to think about disabled students' struggles and ways in which everyone can all help to break down barriers, including sign language classes, films and literature showcases, dance workshops, speaker sessions and flashmobs.

Edge Hill University students' union officials Rosie McKenna and Kathryn Pidcock are aiming to raise awareness of disabled students' struggles for equality.

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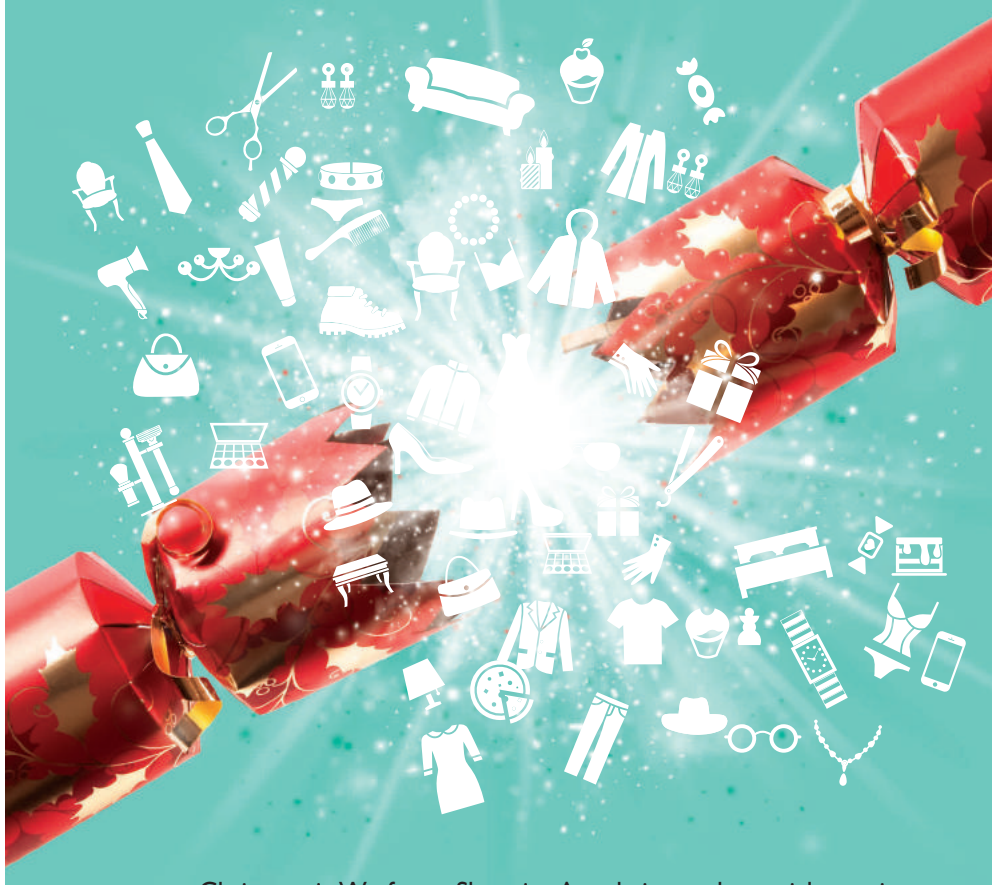

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# If you've paid your dues to a club before you leave then you're all-square in my book

IT'S almost impossible to write about our Brexit negotiations for a weekly column such as this as one stupidity follows another so frequently that one is bound to be left behind.

But one topic that has always puzzled me rather is this vexed question of how much we should pay our so-called European Friends to leave their ghastly club.

Why do we sit back and hear continuously that the hold-up is of our own making because we will not tell them how much we are expected to cough up? Forgive me, but I would have imagined that it is the organisation one is leaving that should present you with the bill for whatever it considers you owe - not for us to say what we would like to pay (which obviously would be nothing).

If the EU bureaucrats had simply set out what they considered our debts are to them (though perhaps a case could be made the other way round) then we could agree, or set out why we should not be liable for specific sums.

That way, everybody would know where they are playing, and by now we would know whether it was worthwhile continuing the negotiations at all.

I understand that a committee of our own House of Lords has in fact issued a report claiming that legally we have no need to pay the EU anything at all - but for some reasons neither our own timid Government, nor most of our national media, has seen fit to make much if anything of this.

Quite seriously, if you decided to leave your golf club because the fees were too high it would be morally, if not legally, right perhaps to pay your subs up to the end of the year. But if the club then said they wanted extra because you had said you would next year ask for your son or daughter to be given golfing lessons from the pro - and now obviously would not - you would tell them to take a running jump, not pay up just to get them off your back.

Why on earth should it always be us who are expected to back down? The Eurocrats know full well that for us to leave without a sensible trade agreement would hurt us, yes - but I believe it would hurt them even harder.

I wonder if there would have been quite the same kind of furore if, say, Greece had decided that they wanted to leave. Certainly there would be no chance of extracting £50 million from them. Perhaps they might have even been given a few million Drachmas to help them on their way?

Anyhow, enough of that for now.

On perhaps a lighter note, on re-reading last week's column about Political Correctness, I was reminded of my days working in Colchester and a very good friend of mine there who originated in Ireland and from time to time flew back to visit his family.

When he returned he invariably brought me a packet or two of Wills Gold Flake cigarettes - along with the latest crop of 'English Jokes'!

I enjoyed both - and in retrospect it was certainly the jokes which did me least harm!

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# Lancashire Day celebrated around the world

LANCASHIRE Day 2017 was celebrated around the world, according to figures released by Marketing Lancashire.

The organisation, which aims to promote the county nationally and internationally, led a campaign to get Lancashire Day trending on Twitter with the hashtag#LancashireDay, inviting the public to share what they think is 'grand' about the county.

And they say it reached 74 million people on social media, beating last year's record of 60 million.

In addition, a range of events celebrating Lancashire culture and heritage took place in libraries, visitor information centres and attractions across the county, along with live readings of the Lancashire Day proclamation, pledging allegiance to Her Majesty The Queen, The Duke of Lancaster.

Lancashire Day, celebrated on November 27, was established 21years ago by the Friends of Real Lancashire to mark the day in 1295 when the first elected representatives from the county were summoned to Westminster by King Edward I, to be part of what later became known as 'the model parliament.'

Ruth Connor, chief executive at Marketing Lancashire, said: "We are delighted that so many people engaged with #LancashireDay. It is our privilege to promote Lancashire every day of the year and we're always thrilled to hear what the county means to the people who live, work or study here, as well as from those who might be far away but thinking of home especially on Lancashire Day."

WEST Lancashire celebrated Lancashire Day 2017 in time-honoured fashion with town crier, Don Evans reading the proclamation at Ormskirk Clock Tower, accompanied by the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Noel Delaney and Ann Stubbert

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# Age UK's 'help us to beat loneliness this Christmas' appeal

## Charity calls for support for campaign to tackle older people's festive season isolation

**NEW research for Age UK shows that more than 130,000 older people in the North West feel lonelier at Christmas time.**

Alongside the findings, published to launch its Christmas campaign, 'No one should have no one', the charity has produced a short film entitled *Just another day*, which shines a light on the chronic loneliness which 1.2 million older people are living with in England.

The film shows the everyday monotony of a lonely widower for whom each day is much like the last, and even Christmas is no exception.

Nearly half of the older people in the North West surveyed for Age UK - more than 620,000 people aged 65 and over - feel their days can be repetitive. The charity estimates that more than 105,000 people aged 65 and over in the North West don't see or hear from someone for days on end over the festive period.

Through its campaign, Age UK is calling on people to pledge their support and donate to help the charity be there for older people and tackle the loneliness that is blighting too many lives.

Age UK does this every day of the year through its vital services like Age UK Advice, open every day, including Christmas Day; and Call in Time, the charity's telephone befriending service, which provides regular calls to isolated or lonely older people.

Roy, an 85-year-old widower experienced loneliness after his wife of 55 years passed away. He said: "No one teaches you about loneliness and until it happens to you, you don't realise just how devastating it is.

**Research for Age UK has found that more than 130,000 older people in the North West will feel lonelier this Christmas time.**

"I'm incredibly grateful for Age UK's befriending service and my local Age UK. Anybody who is feeling lonely and missing their loved ones this Christmas should sign up for this service - it's a lifeline."

Left unaddressed loneliness can cause long-term misery and contribute to the development of serious medical conditions, such as heart problems and strokes, mental health issues and dementia.

Caroline Abrahams, charity director at Age UK, says: "Loneliness doesn't only affect older people over the Christmas period, but because most of us expect to spend this time enjoying ourselves with family and friends it can make those who are on their own feel all the more left out and miserable.

"Chronic loneliness can also have a devastating impact on an older person's mental and physical health.

"There is something we can all do to make a positive difference to the older people around us. Having a friendly chat with an older person on the bus or in a shop, or offering to help an elderly neighbour with their shopping if the weather is bad, can do more good than most of us would ever guess."

Anyone who is experiencing feelings of loneliness or is worried about an older relative or friend can call Age UK Advice free on 0800 169 6565, visit www.ageuk.org.uk/no-one or contact their local Age UK.


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# Sanctuary's final fundraiser of year

STAFF at a West Lancashire animal charity are hoping for a much-needed financial boost when they stage their final fundraiser of the year.

Woodlands Animals Sanctuary in Sandy Lane, Holmeswood, cares for a wide variety of small, domestic and farm animals, relying entirely on donations and sponsorship for funding.

And with more than 350 animals on site at any one time it needs £3,000 each week to stay up and running.

The annual Winter Market on Sunday, December 17 will be the sanctuary's final fundraiser of 2017 running from 11am to 3pm and featuring family-friendly entertainment including Santa and his elves, a variety of stalls selling various handmade items and tours of the centre to see all of their 'residents'.

Sally McDerby from Woodlands, said: "Visitors will be able to get to see all of our resident animals and we have a lot of festive entertainment - not to mention the tasty winter treats available too. This will be our last on site fundraiser of the year and we are hoping for lots of support on the day to help provide the vital funds we need to get us through what can be an expensive time of the year."

# Last chance to have a say on open spaces policy

**THERE is still time - just! - for West Lancashire residents to have their say on an important new study by the borough council regarding outdoor places where people enjoy spending their leisure time.**

The Open Space Study will audit existing places in West Lancashire such as parks, recreation grounds, allotments, nature sites and play areas.

It will consider the supply of and future demand for open leisure spaces in the borough and form an important piece of evidence for the emerging West Lancashire Local Plan by identifying future priorities for open space.

An important part of the study will be to obtain the views of residents and local interest groups in relation to the quantity and quality of open spaces, accessibility to them and what improvements should be made.

Councillor John Hodson

An online survey has been produced in order to gather these views which is available for completion via the council's website and can be found at www.westlancs.gov.uk/consultation.

There is also a shorter online survey for children of primary school age.

The closing date for people to respond to both surveys has been extended to Friday, December 8.

Findings from the audit and the online survey will be used to produce a report which assesses open leisure spaces in the area, identifies standards of provision and make recommendations for the future. The study is expected to be completed by March 2018.

Councillor John Hodson, the council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "This is an important study for West Lancashire and I would urge local people to get involved by giving their views. We have had a number of responses to our consultation but we want as many people as possible to respond to give people a clear indication of what local people think."

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# Grants offer to groups promoting energy efficiency

**ENERGY company E.ON is offering grants to charities and community groups looking to become more energy-efficient or helping others to be so.**

Eligible groups in Lancashire are invited to apply for up to £2,000 of funding through the E.ON Energising Communities Fund, available for the second time this year.

To be eligible for funding organisations must submit a request which supports activities that help bring about a reduction in their own energy use, help generate energy from a renewable source, or provide energy efficiency advice for local people.

Applicants are encouraged to get their funding requests in now, ahead of the application deadline of Monday, January 29. Groups can apply for funding to cover the full or partial cost of energy-related improvements and activities.

Suzanne Doxey, community relations manager at E.ON, said: "We're excited to be offering our Energising Communities Fund for the second time this year to give more local community groups and charities the opportunity to apply for funding.

"At E.ON we understand that heating bills can account for a large part of the running costs for a community group or charity and so their need to become energy-efficient and save on costs is really important.

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"Since launching our fund in 2013, we've distributed over £140,000 to almost 85 community groups nationwide to fund energy-related projects and it's been great to hear the benefits that the funding has had, not only on the groups and charities themselves, but the wider community who use the facilities.

"We look forward to receiving the applications and supporting more successful community groups."

For full terms and conditions of the E.ON Energising Communities Fund and to access the application form, go to eonenergy.com/community.

# Take a visit to One Magical City!

## *The Champion did... and discovered festive delights galore*

**CHRISTMAS is a magical time, so where better to spend a couple of days in the run-up to the big day than in one magical city.**

It's Liverpool, of course, where this year festive offerings galore will surely put you under its spell.

The allure of this great maritime city is special at any time of the year but when the 'pool puts on its winter coat and gears up for Christmas, the city has an even more, yes, magical aura.

Liverpool is simply sparkling with yuletide merriment right now.

There's no shortage of great hotels to stay in Liverpool - the four-star Pullman Hotel being one of them. Opened just two years ago the Pullman is in an enviable location at the Kings Dock, Monarch's Quay. It was built to complement the impressive and huge exhibition centre which is literally right next door and opposite the equally impressive arena and conference centre. The hotel is also home to Marco Pierre White's latest Liverpool food offering 'Wheeler's of St James's'.

The Pullman sits just a short stroll from the Albert Dock and its many attractions, two of which are the Beatles Story and Tate Liverpool.

And while it may be Christmas outside, a trip to both are welcome distractions from the many wonderful festive feasts that await visitors to the city.

The award-winning Beatles Story is the world's largest permanent exhibition purely devoted to the lives and times of The Fab Four and takes visitors on an atmospheric journey through the lives, times, culture and music of The Beatles.

Tate Liverpool is a magnet for culture vultures and on display right now until June next year is an exhibition of the work of one of the most important figures of the pop art movement - Roy Lichtenstein. Also on at present, until March 2018, is an exhibition of the work of John Piper and his contribution to modern art in Britain.

### Review: One Magical City

All that culture can make you hungry but Liverpool boasts lots of wonderful places to wine and dine. Try lunch at Viva Brazil on Castle Street; or how about dinner at Pan Am? Pan Am is a contemporary bar and restaurant, located in the Grade 1 listed Britannia Pavilion on the Albert Dock with fabulous views towards Liverpool's Three Graces.

While back at the Pullman, Marco Pierre White's new restaurant, credited with being the 'world's oldest and finest fish brand' but with a variety of meat and vegetarian dishes to appeal to all tastes is definitely worth venturing to.

Fancy afternoon tea to rest those weary legs as you go about your Christmas shopping? Then the recently opened Patisserie Valerie inside Debenhams at Liverpool One could be just the treat.

One Magical City aims to attract Christmas shoppers to Liverpool and there's no shortage of festive things to do.

Liverpool One is a top destination all year round but takes on an even more special appeal when it puts on its Christmas glitter. But all that gift gathering can give you a thirst. Not to worry, satisfy it with a seasonal cocktail or a festive tipple or two at Bar Hutte which is beneath the UK's biggest Christmas tree at Liverpool One.

Or, if you want to take a little time out from all that festive shopping, then why not allow yourself a little 'you' time and head for Harvey Nichol's Beauty Bazaar in Liverpool One where you can treat yourself to a special pamper session and banish any of those winter blues you may be feeling.

Liverpool is a festive delight this Christmas and really does live up to its One Magical City billing. There's even a brilliant Ice Festival at the Pier Head complete with huge ice slide, ice bar, rides and a Christmas market.

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# Choir hits all the right notes to raise funds for charity

**AS PART of its tenth anniversary celebrations, ReSound Community Choir has raised money for Galloway's Society for the Blind.**

**The choir, which meets in Scarisbrick, is a registered charity composed of a broad mix of people, from professional musicians to people who just enjoy singing as a hobby, young and old.**

**Causes**

**From its founding it has had two aims - to enhance the community through the enjoyment of meeting to sing, and to raise money for local charities by giving performances.**

**To celebrate its ten years of meeting together, and 'to give something back' after receiving lots of grants and donations over the ten years, the choir have been supporting ten different causes, one of which is Galloway's which was presented with a cheque for £600.**

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Representatives from Woodlands with the cheque which they received from the Co-op

# Early Christmas bonus for local charities

**GOOD causes across the North West, including West Lancashire, received an early Christmas present, when the Co-op revealed a £52,000 funding boost to charities in the area.**

The money will be shared by 19 organisations, all of whom are making a real difference to communities throughout the region.

These include Disability Advice West Lancs (£2,000), which is based in Skelmersdale and Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Holmeswood (£1,905).

### Amazing

This is the latest round of pay-outs from the community fund and brings the amount the Co-op has invested in good causes in the area since the scheme launched in September 2016 to £98,000.

According to the latest figures from the Charities Commission just under 40 per cent of all charities have an income of less than £10,000. Therefore, the £2,750 average pay out will be a significant boost to funds for the 4,000 organisations that are receiving a payment from the Co-op.

Rufus Olins, director of community and campaigns at the Co-op, said: "It's great to be delivering an early Christmas present to those communities and individuals that need it most.

"Since the scheme launched Co-op members have helped to raise an amazing £20 million for 8,000 local causes nationally, but we want to do more, so the more people shop, the more good causes can earn.

"However, this is not just about giving money, it is about developing relationships with good causes in local communities, and over the past year we have been touched by hundreds of ways in which people have made their own communities better places to be."

## Coroner's areas merged

THE coroner areas of Preston and West Lancashire, East Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen have been formally merged.

Known as Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen, the new jurisdiction will be led by Dr James Adeley as the senior coroner and supported by Richard Taylor and James Newman as area coroners. It will deal with approximately 4,500 deaths per year.

Dr Adeley said: "The amalgamation of three significant coroner's jurisdictions provides substantial opportunities to improve the service to bereaved families."

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# FESTIVE RECIPES

# Something to start and something sweet

## Starter One

### CHESTNUT VELOUTE (pronounce Ve-lou-tay)

**Ingredients:** (for 4 and doubles easily)
500 to 600g of peeled chestnuts
500 ml of full fat milk
500 ml water
2 onions, chopped
1 chicken or vegetable stock cube
15 grams of butter
Seasoning
**How to:**
Cook the onions in the butter in a large saucepan for about five minutes.
Add the chestnuts and cook for 3 minutes, moving them often so they don't burn.
Add the milk and water with the cube. As soon as it gets to the boil, turn down and simmer gently for 20 minutes.
Remove about 6 chestnuts and chop them in small pieces for serving.
Whizz the soup together using a blender. Season.
You can then cool the soup for later at this stage. When reheating, do NOT boil, just make sure it is piping hot and serve immediately with a scattering of chestnuts pieces.

Adapted from 'Cuisine bistrot a la maison'

## Starter Two

### SMOKED SALMON PATE

**Ingredients:** (for 6, easily doubled)
255g smoked salmon
110g cream cheese
2 tbsp double cream
½ lemon, juice only
2 tbsp chopped chives (plus some to sprinkle on top)
pinch of sugar
salt and freshly ground pepper
**How to:**
Pop all the ingredients into a blender and pulse until it has a consistency that you desire. Plenty of pepper is good but go easy on the salt, as the smoked salmon will be salty already. You can substitute lime and coriander instead of lemon and chives.
Serve with good crackers or hot toast if you feel so inclined

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## Dessert One

### MONT BLANC DESSERT

**Ingredients:**
150g good-quality dark chocolate
650 ml double cream
2½ ready-made meringue nests
675g sweetened chestnut purée, from a can
**How to:**
Place the chocolate into the bowl of a food processor and blend until it forms large, broken grains. Divide the chocolate equally among the eight glasses.
Place the cream in a large bowl and lightly whip it until soft peaks form when the whisk is removed. Crumble one-and-a-half meringues into the mixture and mix well.
Spread the chestnut purée on top of the chocolate in the glasses.
Spoon the cream and meringue mixture into the glasses on top of the chestnut purée.
To serve, crumble the remaining meringue over the top of the cream and meringue mixture. Assemble the Mont Blancs just before serving to retain the crunchiness of the meringue

Original recipe by Nigella Lawson
www.neelscorner.com

## Dessert Two

### STICKY TOFFEE PEAR PUDDING

**Ingredients:**
8 small firm pears (Conference is good)
200g golden caster sugar
2 cinnamon sticks
1 star anise
6 cloves
1 lemon, zest pared
1 orange, zest pared
ice cream, to serve (optional)
**For the sponge**
250g pitted dates
2 tbsp linseeds
300ml unsweetened almond milk
200ml vegetable oil, plus extra for greasing
175g dark muscovado sugar
200g self-raising flour
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
1 tsp ground mixed spice

**How to:**
1. Peel the pears and cut the bottom off each to give a flat base – cut them to a height that will fit snugly in your tin. Use a melon baller or small knife to cut out the pips from the base. Roughly chop the pear scraps, discarding the pips, and set aside. Tip the sugar, cinnamon, star anise, cloves, zests and 600ml water into a saucepan large enough to fit all the pears. Bring to the boil, then simmer until the sugar has dissolved. Add the pears, cover with a lid or a piece of baking parchment, and poach gently for 15 mins until a knife easily slides into a pear. Leave to cool in the liquid.
2. Now make the sponge. Put the dates and linseeds in a saucepan and add the almond milk. Bring to a gentle simmer, then cook for 2-3 mins until the dates are soft. Pour into a food processor and blitz until smooth. Add the oil and blend again, then scrape into a bowl and set aside to cool a little. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Grease and line a 20 x 30cm baking tin (a loose -bottomed one if possible) with a strip of baking parchment.
3. Put the dry ingredients in a large mixing bowl with 1/2 tsp salt. Mix well, breaking up any lumps of sugar with your fingers, and shaking the bowl a few times to encourage any remaining lumps to come to the surface. Add the date and oil mixture, and stir well. Fold in the chopped pear scraps. Scrape the cake mixture into the tin, then nestle in the pears, standing straight up, so that the bottom halves are covered. Bake for 35-40 mins until the cake is cooked through. Insert a skewer to the centre to check – it should come out clean. If there is any wet cake mixture on the skewer, return the cake to the oven and bake for 10 mins more, then check again.
4. Meanwhile, bring the pear poaching liquid back to the boil and simmer until reduced to a glossy syrup. When the pudding is cooked, cool for 5-10 mins, then brush all over with the syrup, saving a little extra to serve alongside.


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# Ahead of Yourself

## SPROUTS AND CHESTNUTS

**Ingredients:**
(can be doubled easily)
500g of fresh sprouts,
1 chopped onion
200g of vacuum peeled chesnuts (available from most supermarkets)
50g of butter
teaspoon of dried thyme Seasoning

**How to:**
Make this a couple of days ahead. Clean the sprouts by chopping a little slice of their bottom and removing yellowing leaves, then parboil them in a large pan of salted water (about 10 or so minutes). Drain, cool a few minutes.
In a large frying pan, melt the butter and fry the onion for 5 minutes then all the other ingredients . Cook rapidly for about 10 or so minutes or until the sprouts are tender. Once off the heat, sprinkle thyme and seasoning, cool and seal well. On the day, reheat gently on the hob.

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## CRANBERRY SAUCE

Better made a few days ahead for maximum flavour

**Ingredients:**
100g of light brown sugar
100ml of fresh orange juice
250g of fresh or frozen cranberries
grated zest of a small clementine

**How to:**
Combine the sugar and orange juice in a large saucepan and bring to the boil.
Stir in the cranberries and clementine zest (if using), then simmer until the cranberries are tender but still holding their shape – this will take about 5 minutes if using frozen cranberries and a little longer if using fresh.
Refrigerate until needed, the sauce will thicken as it cools.
Remove from the fridge an hour before serving.

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## HONEYED PARSNIPS/CARROTS

Prepare vegetables a day ahead and cook on the day

**Ingredients:**
3 tbsp sunflower oil
1kg parsnips or half parsnips and half carrots
4 tablespoons of honey

**How to:**
Peel the vegetables and cut, depending on their size, lengthways in half or quarters to form even-sized pieces. If preparing ahead, place pieces in a sealed bag and the fridge until you need them.
Preheat the oven to 200°C, gas mark 6. Place the oil in a roasting tin and heat in the oven.
Meanwhile, carefully place the vegetables into the hot oil, and turn to coat. Roast for 30-45 minutes, until golden, turning halfway through.
Then drizzle honey all over and cook for 10 more minutes until golden and sticky.

Adapted from www.waitrose.com
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## WHITE/ BRANDY SAUCE

Can be made a couple of days ahead

**Ingredients:**
30g butter
20g cornflour
300ml milk
50g of caster sugar
A drop of vanilla essence
75 ml of brandy (optional)

**How to:**
1. Melt the butter or margarine into a saucepan. Remove from heat and blend in the cornflour.
2. Stir in the milk gradually, and add the sugar.
3. Bring to the boil and simmer for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring constantly. At this stage cool and fridge. On the day, add the brandy if required and warm gently.
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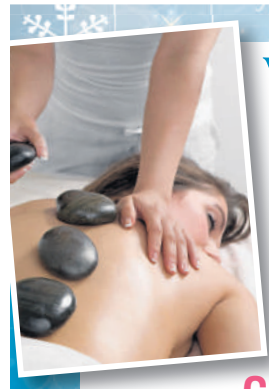

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# FESTIVE RECIPES

# Are you looking at my bird?

## ROAST TURKEY WITH LEMON AND GARLIC

**Ingredients:**
5-6kg oven-ready turkey, neck and giblets removed and kept for the gravy
1 onion, halved
1 lemon halved (save the zest for the butter)
whole bulb of garlic, halved
**For the salt mix**
2 tbsp sea salt
1 tbsp thyme leaves
1 tsp peppercorns
**For the butter**
100g butter
4 tbsp vegetable bouillon powder (we used Marigold)
1 lemon, zested (from the lemon for the turkey)
**How to:**
Up to two days ahead, make the salt mix by grinding the salt with the thyme leaves and pepper in a spice grinder or using a pestle and mortar. Sit the turkey in a roasting tin and gently push your fingers under the skin, starting from the neck, until you can push your whole hand in down the length of the breast. Take care not to tear the skin.
Season the bird all over with the salt mix, inside and out and under the skin. Leave the turkey in the tin, breast-side up, and put in the fridge for up to two days – the longer you salt it, the more succulent the turkey will be. For the crispest skin, leave the turkey uncovered so it dries out, but loosely cover it if you prefer.
Tip the butter, vegetable stock powder and lemon zest into a small bowl and mix until completely combined. Cover and chill. Can be made a few days ahead or frozen, wrapped in cling film, for one month.
Remove the turkey from the fridge an hour or so before you want to cook it. Remove the butter from the fridge to soften. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Work out your cooking time based on 40 mins per kg for the first 4kg, plus 45 mins for every kg after that.

Use your hands to spread the butter under the skin so that it covers the entire breast area and work it into the crevice between the thigh and the main body, then smooth the skin over with your hands. Put the onion, lemon halves, and garlic in the cavity.
Cover the tin loosely with foil and roast for the calculated cooking time. Around 30 mins before the end of cooking, increase the oven temperature to 200C/180C fan/gas 6, remove the foil, baste the turkey and return to the oven. When the turkey is beautifully brown and cooked through, remove from the oven and leave to rest on a warm platter covered with foil for up to 1 hr. Save the juices to make gravy.

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## MARINATED TURKEY BREAST WITH CUMIN, CORIANDER AND WHITE WINE

**Ingredients:**
4 tbsp mint leaves
4 tbsp parsley leaves
4 tbsp coriander leaves
1 garlic clove, peeled
60ml lemon juice
60ml olive oil
125ml white wine
½ tsp ground cumin
½ tsp salt
½ tsp black pepper
½ small organic or free-range turkey breast (about 1kg)
**How to:**
Put all the ingredients except the turkey breast in a food processor or blender and process for 1–2 minutes to get a smooth marinade. Put the turkey in a non-metallic container and pour the marinade over it. Massage the marinade into the meat, cover the container and leave in the fridge for 24 hours. Make sure the turkey is immersed in the sauce.
Preheat the oven to 220°C/Gas Mark 7. Remove the turkey from the marinade (keep the marinade for later) and put it on a roasting tray. Place in the oven and roast for 15 minutes, then reduce the temperature to 200°C/Gas Mark 6. Continue to cook for 15 minutes, then reduce the temperature again to 180°C/Gas Mark 4. Cook until the turkey is done – another 30–45 minutes. To check, stick a small knife all the way into the centre; it should come out hot. If the meat goes dark before it is ready, cover it with foil.
To prepare the sauce, heat up the turkey marinade in a small saucepan and simmer for 15 minutes, until reduced by about half. Taste and season with some more salt and pepper.
Remove the turkey from the oven and let it rest for 10 minutes. Slice it thinly and serve with the warm sauce.
To serve cold, leave the meat to cool completely and then slice. Adjust the seasoning of the sauce once it is cold and serve on the side.

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## Five Turkey Tips

A marinade will keep things nice and juicy as far as crowns and breast roasts are concerned. With a short-ish cooking time, the marinade does not have time to burn and dry out. A marinade, invariably, is a mix of fat (olive oil), acidity (wine, orange or lemon juice, mustards) and flavours (zests, garlic, herbs, sage etc). If you opt for a full bird, then flavoured butter between skin and breast helps keep everything nice and moist. Cooking liquid (stock, wine) in the base of the roasting pan will keep the legs and thighs juicy and a couple of onions/lemons/oranges in its cavity will also help too and give a gorgeous flavour.

A quick baste in the last 20 to 30 minutes will turn your turkey into a Hollywood version of bronzed, shiny perfection. All you need is a little bowl where you mix a couple of tablespoons of maple syrup and 120 g of butter, salt and pepper. Brush the turkey in the last 30 minutes of its cooking time twice (15 minute and ten minute intervals) giving it a final five for gloss.

A cooked turkey MUST rest and if you are after crisp skin do not cover it. A full bird will be happy sitting there for up to half an hour. As the kitchen will be red hot, do not worry too much. It is worth it!

Don't oversize when you buy. Most of us are looking forward to the main event and a few sarnies afterwards but when it gets to the fifth day and you are still chewing on it, it gets a tad disheartening. Here's what the BBC says about turkey sizes:
2-2.5kg serves 4-6
3kg serves 6-7
3.5kg serves 7-8
4-4.5kg serves 8-10
5-5.5kg serves 10-12
6-6.5kg serves 12-15

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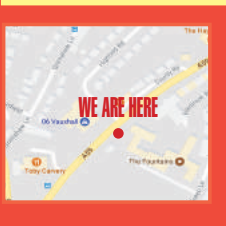


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## GLAZED LENTIL WALNUT APPLE LOAF (V)

**Ingredients:**
195g of uncooked green lentils
175g of walnuts, finely chopped and toasted
3 tbsp ground flax + 120 ml water
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 diced white sweet onions
100g of diced celery
100g of grated carrot
75g peeled and grated sweet apple (use a firm variety)
40g of raisins
65g of oat flour
95g of breadcrumbs
2 tsp fresh thyme (or 3/4 tsp dried thyme)
salt & pepper, to taste
red pepper flakes, to taste
**For the Balsamic Apple Glaze:**
30g of ketchup
1 tbsp pure maple syrup
2 tbsp apple butter (or unsweetened apple sauce at a pinch)
2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
**How to:**
1. Preheat oven to 350F/180C. Rinse and strain lentils. Place lentils into pot along with 3 cups of water (or veg broth). Bring to a boil and season with salt. Reduce heat to medium/low and simmer, uncovered, for at least 40-45 minutes. Stir frequently and add touch of water if needed. The goal is to over-cook the lentils slightly. Mash lentils slightly with a spoon when ready.
2. Toast walnuts in a dry pan for a few minutes. Keep your eye on those as they burn easily.
3. Whisk ground flax with water in a small bowl and set aside.
4. Heat a teaspoon of olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Sautee the garlic and onion for about 5 minutes. Season with salt. Now add in the diced celery, shredded carrot and apple, and raisins. Sautee for about 5 minutes more. Remove from heat.
5. In a large mixing bowl, mix all ingredients together, seasoning to taste.
6. Grease a loaf pan and line with parchment paper. Press mixture firmly into pan. Whisk glaze ingredients and then spread half on top of loaf. Reserve the rest for a dipping sauce.
7. Bake for 40-50 minutes, uncovered. Edges will be lightly brown. Cool in pan for at least 10 minutes before transferring to a cooling rack.

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## SALMON WITH CRANBERRY, PARSLEY & NUT CRUST

**Ingredients:**
125 g of panko breadcrumbs
65 g of dried cranberries chopped + 2-3 tablespoons extra for garnish
40 grams of slivered almonds, 40g of pine nuts
A large handful of flat-leaf parsley chopped + extra for garnish
2-3 tablespoons of thyme leaves finely chopped
finely grated zest of 1 lemon, finely grated zest of 1 orange
75 grams of melted butter + 2-3 tablespoons extra for drizzling
1 whole side (about 1.5kg) fresh salmon
1 lemon cut into wedges, to serve
**How to:**
Preheat oven to 200 C. Line a large baking or oven tray with baking paper.
1. In a medium bowl, mix panko breadcrumbs, cranberries, almonds, pine nuts, parsley, thyme and lemon and orange zest together. Stir in melted butter and season with salt and pepper.
2. Pat salmon dry with paper towels and remove any remaining pin bones. Place salmon on prepared tray, skin-side-down. Season well with salt and sprinkle crust mixture evenly on top, pressing down gently to adhere. Drizzle over a little more melted butter. Place on a shelf in the middle of the oven, and bake for about 20-25 minutes or until salmon is just cooked through (it is best cooked medium) and crust is golden.
3. Garnish with more chopped cranberries and parsley for colour. Serve with lemon wedges to squeeze over, baby potatoes and salad boiled and tossed with butter, garlic, parsley and lemon, and a salad of watercress, orange segments, avocado and blanched asparagus.

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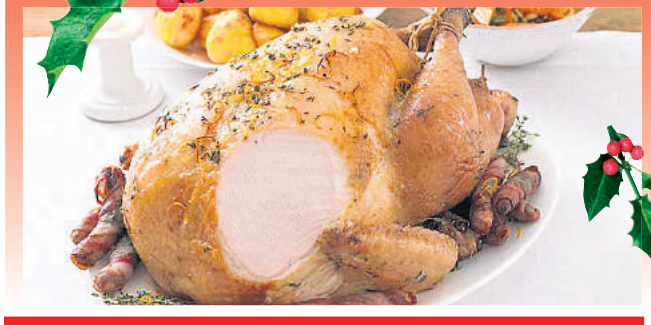

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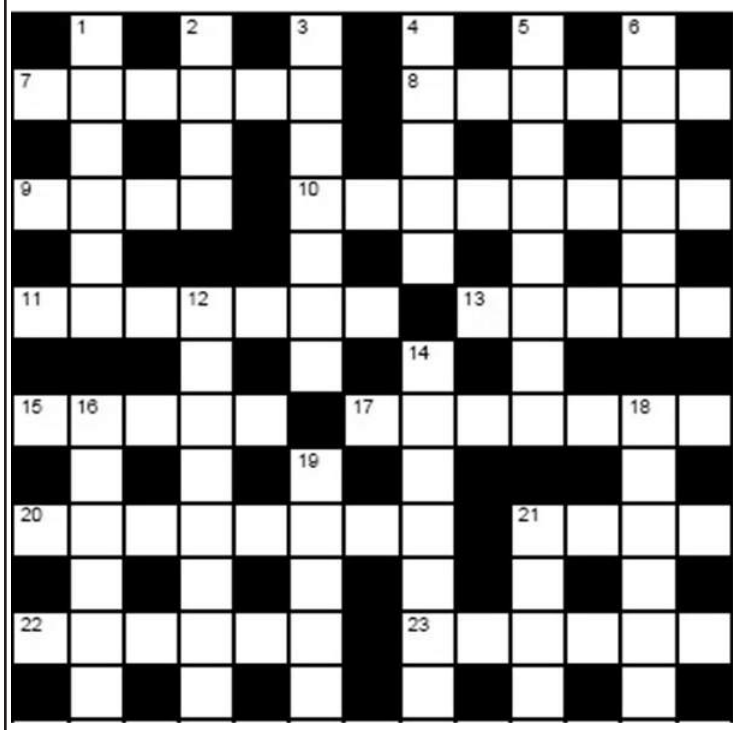

*Last week's solutions:*
*Across: 7. Deadly. 8. Enrage. 9. Once. 10. Open-plan. 11. Shut-eye. 13. Oldie. 15. Entry. 16. Remnant. 18. Dissuade. 19. Iffy. 21. Thames. 22. Global.*
*Down: 1. Mean. 2. Adventuresome. 3. Synonym. 4. Melee. 5. Grappling iron. 6. Agrarian. 12. Hen night. 14. Revenge. 17. False. 20. Foal.*

**ACROSS**

7. Untidy, careless writing (6)
8. Ridiculously small or few (6)
9. Evaluate (4)
10. Another name for Methane (5, 3)
11. Instructor (7)
13. Come or bring to an end (5)
15. Reassemble, regroup (5)
17. Charge made by a restaurant or hotel for serving wine brought in by a customer (7)
20. English county famous for tin mining and pasties (7)
21. The short tail of a hare, rabbit, or deer (4)
22. Unlawfully seize an aircraft in transit (6)
23. Green fodder compacted, stored in airtight conditions and used as winter animal feed (6)

**DOWN**

1. The series of glacial episodes during the Pleistocene period (3, 3)
2. Loathe, detest (4)
3. Informal term for prison (7)
4. Fully shaded inner region of a shadow cast by an opaque object (5)
5. Counter or compartment in a shop or restaurant where payments are made (4, 4)
6. On every occasion (6)
12. Chart showing the days, weeks, and months of a particular year (8)
14. Highly seasoned Hungarian stew of meat and vegetables flavoured with paprika (7)
16. Handsome youth in Greek mythology (6)
18. A persistent feeling of ill will or resentment resulting from a past insult or injury (6)
19. Japanese poem of 17 syllables, in three lines of five, seven, and five (5)
21. The exchange of a commodity for money (4)


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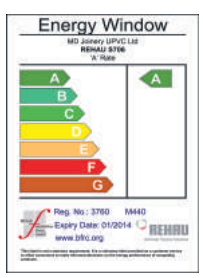


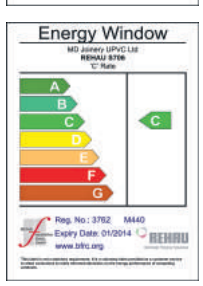

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# Duncan James and Jodie Prenger leading panto cast

**TELEVISION, musical theatre and pop star Duncan James and actress and singer Jodie Prenger will lead the cast of this year's family pantomime, Cinderella from Saturday, December 16 at the Liverpool Empire.**

Duncan and Jodie

Playing Prince Charming is singer-songwriter, television presenter, actor and all-round entertainer Duncan James.

Best-known as a member of the band Blue, Duncan and his bandmates released five studio albums, 16 singles, collaborated with artists including Stevie Wonder and Elton John and represented the UK in the 2011 Eurovision Song Contest.

Duncan has appeared in the West End in Chicago and Legally Blonde, and has appeared on numerous television programmes, including Soapstar Superstar and Dancing on Ice where he made it to the final.

In 2015 Duncan starred as Tick in Priscilla Queen of the Desert the Musical at various theatres across the UK and began filming his role of policeman Ryan Knight in Hollyoaks, filmed in nearby Childwall. His recurring role saw him nominated at the recent National Television Awards for Best Soap Newcomer.

Best-known for winning the coveted role of Nancy in the West End revival of Lionel Bart's Oliver! through the BBC talent show I'd Do Anything, Jodie Prenger rose to fame singing for survival in front of a panel of famous judges and millions of television viewers every Saturday night. After a brief appearance in Les Misérables, Jodie went on to perform the role of Nancy to public and critical acclaim at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, winning the Theatregoers' Choice Award for Best Supporting Actress in a Musical.

In addition to her stage work Jodie appeared as Diane in the BBC series Candy Cabs. She is a regular guest DJ for BBC Radio 2 and came second in Let's Dance for Comic Relief. Jodie has toured the UK extensively in the one-woman musical, Andrew Lloyd-Webber's Tell Me On a Sundayand starred in the title role of Calamity Janeon its UK tour.

Joining them as Cinderella's best-friend Buttons will be comedian and entertainer John Evans. John has entertained the audiences with his quick-fire wit for over 30 years, across the UK and on international waters aboard major cruise ships and on television. No stranger to the city of Liverpool, John played the role of Gerry Edwards in the football comedy One Night in Istanbul in front of 6,000 people at the Echo Arena, and has appeared twice at The Actors Studio in Closing Time and Falling out with the Jones's.

Audiences shall go to the ball this Christmas as Cinderella transforms from rags to riches, outwits her very Ugly Sisters, and with the help of her hilarious friend Buttons and one very magical Fairy Godmother, wins the heart of the dashing Prince Charming.

Cinderella will be produced by Qdos Entertainment, the world's biggest pantomime producer in a new partnership with Liverpool Empire operators, ATG.

The Ghosts of Christmas Past is on at St George's Hall

# Delve into Dickensian production

AFTER its success in 2016, Lovehistory have returned this Christmas with their festive production The Ghosts of Christmas Past,which is at Liverpool's St George's Hall until Wednesday, December 13.

The creative minds behind 2015's Dickensian Christmas time and the ever-popular Murder at St George's Hall and Catacombs of Liverpool's Darkest History series present their latest promenade production.

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It is Christmas Eve, and as the old skinflint Ebenezer Scrooge is about to retire to his bed contemplating his fortune, he is disturbed by the haunting presence of the ghosts of his past.

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The passages and cells below St George's Hall provide the backdrop from which Lovehistory recreate the dark underworld that Dickens so often explored in his works – the perfect setting for these ghostly tales, presented by professional actors.

LoveHistory have been setting a trend for live promenade theatre experiences for more than five years and this Christmas special aims to provide an authentic Dickensian experience.

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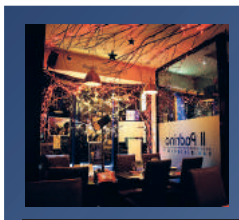

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**BMX BIKE** Suit 3-5 years, never been used, white with blue trim, £30 no offers, stabilisers still in box 07743 340837

**GIRLS BIKES** 2 of, suitable for 5 to 8 years of age, very good condition, hardly used £25 ono each 0151 5263305

## BIKES

**PENDLETON LADIES/TEENAGE BIKE** Hardly used, very good condition, purple and mauve £80 01704 560639

**FALCON STEALTH** gents bike. 5 plus gears very good condition £50 ono 01695 227195

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**LADIES MOUNTAIN** Bike, good condition £40 01695 573988

**MENS APOLLO** Highway lightweight 18" frame vbrakes 18 Shimano grip shift gears. 700c wheels and road tyres. Good runner and condition £70 01704560627

**CHILDS BIKE** Suitable for 6 - 9 years, red and black, twist grip 6 gears, 20inch wheels. Excellent condition. £25 01695578576 07875153586

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## CLOTHING

**LADIES NEW** Cerise Squall Jacket, size 10/12, by Landsend. Cost £120, bargain at £60 ovno. Gents Black Leather Jacket, as new Size L, from Lakeland £40 ono. Ladies Black leather trousers, size 8/10, from Lakeland, worn once £35 ono Tel: 07846 025809

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**LADIES BOOTS** brown knee length zip sides fleece lined size 7 faux leather unworn brand new bargain £8 01704220356

**MEN'S OVERCOAT** full length in black. Burgundy lining size 52R 76% wool excellent condition like new bargain £40 01704220356

**LADIES BLACK** 3/4 length coat polyester fully lined size 22. as new bargain £8 01704 220356

**BLACK BOOTS** Knee-high, suede, fur-lined, front lace-up. Size 6, 3-inch wedge heel Worn once, very good condition. Southport. £10ono 01704 544948

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**VINTAGE JACKETS** Mens jackets, tweed/wool 40/42" chest in excellent condition. Jaeger/Watson Prickard etc £25 each. Email pictures available buyer collects. 0151 2860268

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**LADIES JACKETS** brand new modern jackets with labels size 10-12-14 all £5 each no withheld number or texts 07504685036

## CLOTHING

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**GENTS LEATHER** Jacket Size XL, bomber style, good condition £10. Gents 3/4 length leather coat size XXL good condition £15 07709 226130

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**LADIES SUIT** Grey Planet 3-piece suit: long line jacket, pencil skirt, regular fit trousers, never worn, still tagged, size16 £80 0151 5202816

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**FOUR COATS** two leather £10 each, one Camal size 18, one Lilac 12/14 £5 each 01704 227474

**LADIES COAT** Calf length leopard print imitation fur coat, size 14/16, worn twice, cost £99, sell £25 0151 5202816

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## DIY

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## GARDENING

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## GARDENING

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## HOBBIES

**BEATLES POSTCARDS** Set of four Beatles postcards.Published in France. In as new condition. £2.50 01704 540945

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**SKY BOX** Sky+HD box with wifi adapter, power cable and remote. Excellent working order and condition. Update to Sky Q is reason for sale. £20. 01704 876146 (Formby)

**SAMSUNG S7** edge mobile phone excellent cond box wire 2 covers £290 no offers no withheld numbers 1st to see will buy 07743101819

**IPHONE 4** white excellent condition in box wire and plug etc bargain 1st to see will buy £45 ovno 07518929646

**IPOD SHUFFLE** pink excellent condition 1gb with charger bargain 1st to see will buy no offers £10 07518929646

**SONY TV** 47w805a 3D TV with 3 shelf TV stand, freeview hd, smart TV £300 01695558169

## HOME ENTERTAINMENT

**INDOOR TV** aerial, total control sv1230 amplified indoor tv aerial bought from argos 2 months ago, stand on window cill,shelf etc. £10 tel Southport 07809 255966

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**FREESAT BOX** Bush. Little used as new still in box with cable and instructions£25.00 07476416801

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## HOUSE AND HOME

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**APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING**

Application No: 2017/1122/FUL Extension of existing play area and installation of new play equipment and fences at Sports Pavilion And Memorial Playing Field, Halsall Road, Halsall.

Application No: 2017/1208/FUL Alterations of first floor of existing cottage to form new gable and dormer window to enlarge existing bedrooms at Suttons Farm Cottage, Sanderson Lane, Hilldale, Heskin.

Application No: 2017/1222/FUL Single storey front and side extension. Roof alterations and front porch at 34 Rivington Drive, Up Holland.

Application No: 2017/1235/FUL Variation of Condition No. 7 imposed on planning permission 2017/0500/FUL to allow the landscaping scheme to be brought into use as shown on Drawing No. P1269 06L received by the Local Planning Authority on 22/11/2017. Variation of Condition No. 8 imposed on planning permission 2017/0500/FUL to allow construction of the new boundary treatment as shown on Drawing No. P1269 11_A received by the Local Planning Authority on 22/11/2017 at Robinsons Farm, Cranes Lane, Lathom.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration — Dated: 6th December 2017 PDNOT977

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### BAILEY ERIC

Mavis and family would like to give sincere thanks to relatives and friends for their expressions of sympathy, love and support at this sad time.
Many thanks to Rev. P Goodrich for a comforting service in celebration of Eric's life, and to Stocks Hall Ormskirk for their kindness shown to Eric. Special thanks for the many kind donations to Parkinsons UK (Ormskirk Branch) and to Hunters of Ormskirk for their caring and efficient arrangements.

### ELLIS MURIEL

The family of the late Muriel Ellis would like to express their sincere thanks to all the relatives, friends and neighbours for all their messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations for YKids Children's Charity Bootle, received during their recent sad loss. Thanks also to all the staff at Asmall Hall, Ormskirk for their care and attention given, Rev. Ross Moughtin for his kind words of comfort, and Sally Hunter and the Team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their dignified Funeral Arrangements.

## IN MEMORIAM

### JULIE CARTER NEE (MCFARLANE)

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**- 5th December 2008**

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## DEATHS

### SEDDON JAMES

**Peacefully in Hospital on 25th November 2017 aged 82 years**

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Funeral Service will take place at St Johns the Baptist C of E Church, Burscough on Thursday 7th December 2017 at 2pm. Followed by Interment in the Churchyard. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for the British Legion Burscough.
Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough Lancashire L40 5UU
Tel: 01704 897770

### HODGE AUDREY

**16th September 2017**

Beloved Wife of the late Stan. Loved and remembered by all her family and friends.
Service and Crematorium at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Thursday 7th December at 11.00am.
All enquiries to Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road Maghull
Tel: 0151 520 3330

### EVANS HARRY AND ELAINE

**16th September 2017**

Loved and Remembered by all their family and friends.
Service and Cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium Pippin Street Burscough on Thursday 7th December at 11.00am.
All enquiries to Graham J Clegg Funeral Service 7 Dover Road, Maghull.
Tel 0151 520 3330.

## DEATHS

### ROBERTS CLARE

**2nd December 2017**
**Passed away peacefully at home aged 82 years of Newburgh**

Much loved Wife of Eric, Fantastic Mum of Jacqueline and Amanda, and dear Mother-In-Law of Paul, and loving Grandma of Tara, Harry, and Bobby.
She has left a hole in our lives, and will be forever in our hearts and minds, she will be missed terribly.
Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium Burscough on Friday 15th December at 12:15pm.
Flowers or donations in lieu are bring gratefully received for Redwings Horse Sanctuary. Flowers, donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a Liverpool Road North, Burscough, L40 5TP.
Tele: 01704 891555

### WRIGHT VIOLET CECILIA

**29th November 2017**
**Died peacefully at home surrounded by family**

Violet will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough Monday 11th December 2017 at 1pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Macmillan Cancer Support.
Further enquiries and donations to Newland and Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ.
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### RICE BERNARD (BARNEY)

**29th November 2017**
**Passed away peacefully in hospital Aged 63 years**

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## DEATHS

### McKINNON JOAN

**29th November 2017**
**Peacefully at Aaron Crest Nursing Home Skelmersdale Aged 75 years**

The dearly loved Wife of Jimmy, loving Mum of Susan, Stan and Stuart, dear Mother-In-Law of Jeff, Sharon and Cinzia and devoted Nan to all her Grand and Great-Grandchildren.
Funeral service at St Francis of Assisi Rc Church, Skelmersdale on Thursday 7th December 2017 at 10:30am followed by Cremation at St Helens Crematorium. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman of Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick.
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### BALL MURIEL

**29th November 2017**
**Aged 97 years**

Died peacefully. Devoted Wife of the late Lawrence. Much loved Mum of Lesley and the late David, adored Mother-in-law of Derek and Lois, cherished Grandmother of Sean and David and Great Grandmother to all of her Great Grandchildren.
Service at Marshside Road Methodist Church on Friday 15th December at 10:00am followed by private family interment. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Multiple Sclerosis Society.
Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR.
Telephone: 01704 500086.

### PATTERSON ALAN

**Peacefully at home on 23rd November 2017 aged 84 years**

Devoted Husband to Flo, Father to Andrew, Luise and Julie and Brother to Maurice. Beloved Grandfather and Uncle. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral service will now be held at Emmanuel Methodist Church, Ormskirk on Monday 11th December at 1:30pm followed by a Committal for family and close friends to be held at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but if desired, donations are being gratefully received for the St. Paul's Eye Unit at the Royal Liverpool Hospital (Attn. T. Southern) or for Emmanuel Methodist Church. For enquiries/details, please contact Hunters of Ormskirk, 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk, L39 2EY (Tel:01695 572997)

## DEATHS

### HART BARBARA ANN

**27th November 2017**
**Passed away peacefully at Park Grove Care Home, Burscough. Aged 80 years of Ormskirk, formerly of Wavertree, Liverpool**

Much loved Mum to Elaine and Damian. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Requiem Mass at St. John's R.C. Church, Burscough on Friday 8th December at 12.00 noon, followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium, Burscough. Flowers are welcome or donations in lieu are being gratefully received for The Dogs Trust and St. John's Catholic Church, Burscough.
Flowers, Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough L40 5TP.
Tele: 01704 891555.

### ADDY SHARON ELIZABETH

**Passed away peacefully at Queenscourt Hospice on 29th November 2017 Aged 57 years of Burscough**

Dearly loved Wife of Steve, much loved Mum of Rachel, Sean, Natalie and Georgia. Grandmother to Olivia and Joe. Sister to Lynne, Richard and Robert. Loved and missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service and Interment at St. Johns CofE Burscough on Thursday 7th December 2017 at 11.30am.
Family flowers only please by request, but donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice.
Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough.
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### HOLLAND IAN

**Passed away on 1st December 2017 Aged 63 years of Scarisbrick formerly of Ormskirk**

Loving Husband of Pauline, beloved Son of the late June, dear Step-Son of Charlie. Loved and missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium on Wednesday 13th December at 10am. Family flowers only by request, but donations if so desired for Cancer Research.
Donations and further enquiries please contact Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton.
Tel 01695 424888.

## DEATHS

### McKINNON JOAN

**29th November 2017**

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## DEATHS

### CHAMBERS JOE

**25th November 2017**
**Peacefully at Birch Green Care Centre, Skelmersdale Aged 78 years**

The dearly loved Husband of Mary, loving Dad of George, Stephen, Lynne and Tracey, dear Father in law of Angela, Sammy (deceased), Dave and Harvey and devoted Grandad to all his Grand and Great Grandchildren.
Funeral service at St Francis of Assisi RC Church, Skelmersdale on Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 10.30am followed by interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery, Skelmersdale.
Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Birch Green Care Centre.
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman of H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick.
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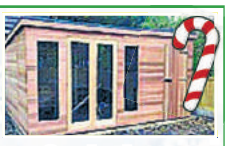
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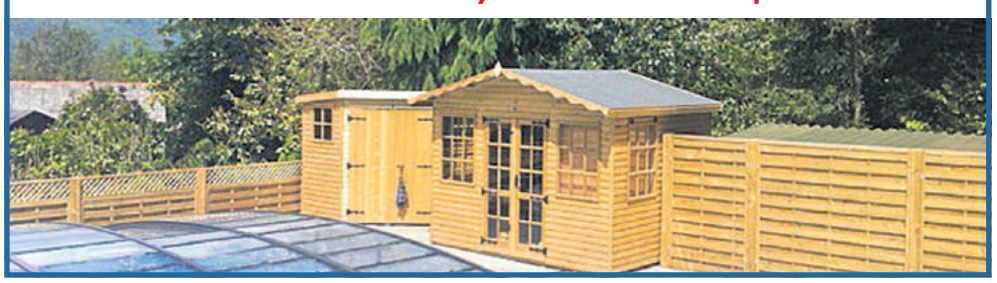

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**GET LOST! That'd be my main piece of advice for any newly certified car nuts who – as of this week – will have ripped their L-plates up after passing the revamped driving test.**

You might have already read that as of Monday anyone nervously edging out of the test centre in a borrowed Vauxhall Corsa will have to do a new, modernised test aimed at better reflecting what it's like to drive in 2017. Out go the three-point-turn (sorry, 'turn in the road'), and the reversing around a corner (the bit I always failed on), and in come parking up on the opposite side of the road and more independent driving.

But the real eye-grabber is that in four out of five tests you'll be expected to take your instructions from a squawking TomTom sat smugly on the dashboard. I'm all for people being taught to drive with satnavs properly – hopefully it'll mean fewer Ford Fiestas being driven off slipways into the sea – but I worry that driving *without* them is going to become a lost art.

I very rarely drive with any satnav on; I've never owned one and only ever resort to my phone's inbuilt system when I'm well and truly stuffed. Having been directed to a nondescript Dutch postcode on the wrong side of Rotterdam and nearly missed my ferry home as a result, I've had my fingers burnt by satnav mischievousness before. Then there are all the times when you end up in an obscure bit of countryside when the system stops working, or simply when a mate gives you duff directions. It's only then that your ability to read tiny 1930s road signs or pulling over to ask people with strange accents for directions comes into its own.

My worry is that new drivers are going to end up so used to using satnav on every journey that they'll end up completely unstuck should the system stop working.

Which is why I'd suggest the first thing anyone passing the new test should do is persuade a mate to blindfold them, stick 'em in the passenger seat and drive them to a tiny village somewhere in the Trough of Bowland. Admittedly this will look like a scene from a poorly-funded gangster film – particularly if your first car is a Vauxhall Adam – but once the blindfold comes off and you swap seats you have to navigate your way home, using only signs, intuition and a coffee-stained AA road atlas.

Only then, having mastered the art of making it home the authentically old-school way, can you be truly qualified in getting about behind the wheel. If you can't, get lost.

Practice makes perfect, after all…

*David is the editor of Classic Car Weekly*

## Grown up boy racers can fettle Fords

GROWN-UP boy racers can fettle their Fords with a new range of go-faster performance parts – and they're all covered by the existing warranty.

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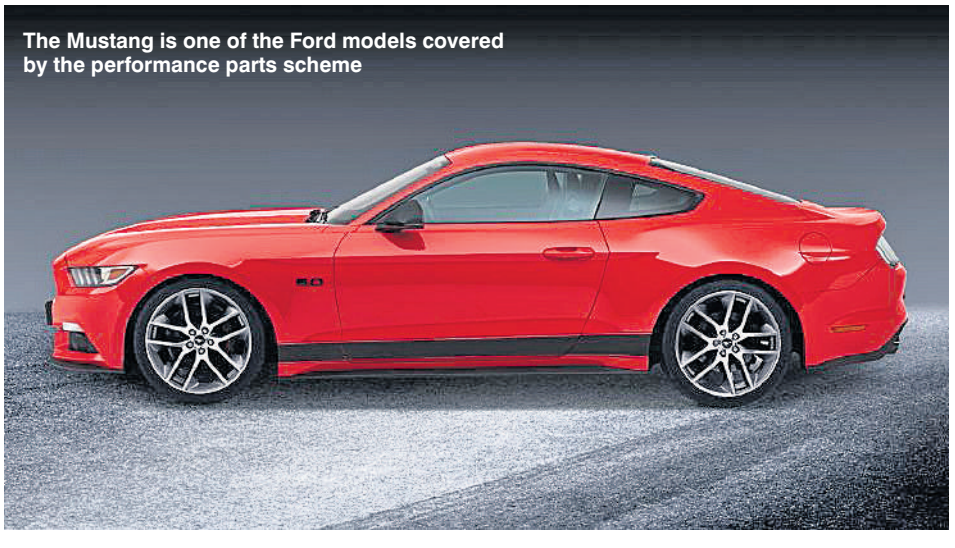

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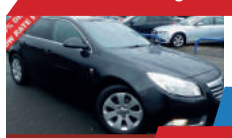

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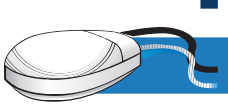

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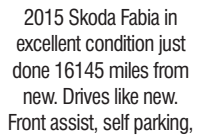

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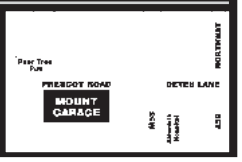



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# Skem's unbeaten league run comes to a disappointing end

Skelmersdale United 0
Colwyn Bay 2

**SKELMERSDALE United's unbeaten league run of six games came to an end after they were undone by a poor first half performance, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.***

Dave Powell's side conceded twice in the opening 45 minutes, leaving them a mountain to climb after the break and despite having most of the possession in the second half they couldn't rescue the game.

Bartle scores the visitor's second goal

It is possible that having only played three competitive games in the whole of November and none at all since November 20 that Skelmersdale were rusty and Colwyn Bay scored in the 14th minute.

Before the goal Skelmersdale goalkeeper Lee Callum Roberts had saved from a Danny Bartle header and then saved with his feet when Colwyn number nine Astley Mulholland was forced wide when running onto a through ball.

The opening goal came when a right-wing corner was met by a mistimed header and the ball dropped into the six yard box and in the scramble Colwyn's Will Booth with his back to goal was able to speculatively back heel the ball home from about two yards out.

In response the best Skem could do was force a punch clearance out of away goalkeeper Matt Cooper from a Bevan Burey cross.

When Colwyn got their second goal bang on the half-hour it was a well worked build-up but had a huge slice of luck attached to the final outcome.

The move down the left saw the ball sent to Mulholland and he released the ball sideways to Danny Bartle whose shot was going low to Roberts right-hand, however a vicious deflection off a Skem defender sent the ball to low Roberts left and into the net.

Skelmersdale bucked their ideas up after the second goal and might even have pulled a goal back before half-time.

Keeper Cooper saved from Skem striker Andy Owens then dived to his left to keep out another shot from Owens.

He then in almost an action replay did the same from an Owens free-kick. All this time all Colwyn could produce was a shot from Louis Barnes that was punched away by Roberts.

The second-half started like the first had ended, with Skem on the offensive.

On 50 minutes Burey put a shot over the crossbar before Owens was frustrated twice by last ditch tackles, the first by Sam Barnes then another tremendous one on 62 minutes by Gareth Grant.

If Skelmersdale had got a goal back in this period of pressure it would very likely have been a totally different game.

Skelmersdale could given luck have recovered but ultimately their slow start to the game cost them.

# Linnets hold promotion chasers for deserved point

Burscough 1
Charnock Richard 1

**BURSCOUGH went into the match as underdogs against promotion hopefuls Charnock Richard but came away with a share of the spoils, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.***

**The away side are 19 points ahead of Burscough in the North-West Counties Premier Division table and with six games in hand.**

**They also beat the Linnets at their own ground 5-2 three weeks ago, so it was reasonable to say that they started long odds on to win.**

**After they had seen off an opening salvo from promotion chasing Charnock Richard it was Burscough who had by far the best of the play in the first 20 minutes or so.**

**Charnock Richard took the lead in the 31st minute. Mark Woods lifted a corner right into the six yard box, Carl Grimshaw lost his marker and headed home from around three yards out. It was a textbook set piece goal and had arrived against the balance of play.**

**Charnock Richard started the second-half looking like they were determined to kill the game off.**

**That all changed on 77 minutes when Cummings cut in off the left wing and dribbled into the Charnock penalty area.**

**His diagonal shot hit the far post and the ball stopped on the line. Burscough's Ben Maddocks sprinted in with two defenders on his shoulders but got to the ball first and duly equalised to make it 1-1.**

**It was now anybody's game and on 85 minutes Burscough had a goal disallowed for a foul.**

**It was no fluke that Burscough picked up a point and the debate will go on about the disallowed goal that could well have won it for them.**

# Both sides hopeful of three points

FOR a second consecutive Saturday, the Christmas shopping will have to go on hold as both local teams are at home and both games are very winnable!

Skelmersdale United play struggling Ossett Albion at Volair Park, in Prescot.

The West Yorkshire-based side are second to bottom of Evo-Stik Division One North and have an away record that reads played nine drawn one and lost eight, so Skem's prospects must be good.

Burscough are at home to Northwich Victoria. Dave Sutton's side drew 1-1 away in Cheshire back in September, so they will also be very hopeful of success.

Neither team has a midweek game next week, before Burscough are at home to West Didsbury & Chorlton on Saturday, December 16 and Skelmersdale travel to Trafford on the same

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| PRAWN CRACKERS | £1.70 |
| FRIED RICE | £3.50 |
| EXTRA SAUCE | 75p |

## SPECIALS

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| CHIPS, CURRY, FRIED RICE | Small £2.20 Large £2.90 |
| FRIED RICE, SALT & PEPPER CHIPS | £2.70 |
| SAUSAGE BALM | £1.50 |
| SALT & PEPPER CHICKEN | Small £5.50 Large £7.50 |
| SPECIAL FRIED RICE | £6.00 |
| CHIPS, FRIED RICE & BBQ SAUCE | £3.60 |

**If you have any FOOD or DRINK ALLERGIES or INTOLERANCES** please speak to a member of our staff before placing your order

OPENING TIMES
Mon to Thurs
4pm-10.30pm
Fri & Sat 4pm-11pm

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| Large Cod | £3.70 |
| Fish Finger | £2.10 |
| Chips | Sml £1.30 Lrg £1.70 |
| Cone of Chips | £1.00 |
| Cheesy Chips | £2.20 |
| Sausage Dinner | £3.50 |
| Pie Dinner | £3.50 |
| Fish Dinner | Sml £4.50 Lrg £5.50 |
| Scallops (5) | £1.20 |
| Chip Barm | £1.25 |
| Barm Cake | 45p |
| Boiled Rice | £1.50 |
| Chips & Curry | Sml £1.70 Lrg £2.20 |
| Chips & Gravy | Sml £1.70 Lrg £2.20 |
| Chips, Curry and Rice | Sml £1.70 Lrg £2.20 |
| Chips, Curry & Fried Rice | Sml £1.70 Lrg £2.20 |
| Savoury Cake | £1.20 |
| Chop Suey Roll | £1.50 |
| Fish Cake | £1.00 |
| Sausage | Sml 70p Lrg £1.10 |
| Gravy | 80p |
| Curry | 80p |
| Peas | 80p |
| Steak & Kidney Pudding | £1.40 |
| Steak & Kidney Pie | £1.40 |
| Meat Pie | £1.40 |
| Meat & Potato Pie | £1.40 |
| Cheese & Onion Pie | £1.40 |
| Chicken & Mushroom Pie | £1.40 |
| Chicken Breast | £2.60 |
| Battered Sausage | £1.40 |
| Spam Fritters | £1.00 |
| Onion Rings | £1.40 |
| Cans | £1.00 |
| Bottles | £2.00 |
| Yazoo Milkshake | £1.20 |
| Fruit Shoot | 60p |
| Sauce Sachet | 20p |

KIDS MEALS All with FREE Fruit Shoot

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| Chicken Popcorn & Chips | £2.50 |
| 4 Chicken Nuggets & Chips | £2.50 |
| 2 Fish Fingers & Chips | £2.50 |
| 2 Chicken Strips & Chips | £2.50 |
| Cheesy Stick & Chips | £2.50 |
| Sausage Dinner | £2.50 |

**FREE DELIVERY**
on orders over £8
We are the ONLY Chippy in Skem who offer this service!

**FREE 1.5ltr Bottle of Pepsi**
with orders over £15

TUESDAY
**Pensioner's Treat!**
**Small fish, chips and peas**
**ONLY £4**
EVERY WEEK